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## Clinton greeted by Russian stalemate

# Civil strife warning after veto by Duma

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA plunged deeper into crisis yesterday when its parliament overwhelmingly rejected President Yeltsin's nomination of Viktor Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister and set the stage for a long and bruising power struggle.

After a heated debate during which speakers from across the political spectrum attacked Mr Chernomyrdin's record in Government, the Duma — the lower house — voted 251-94 against nominating him to head a new Government.

The angry exchanges and calls for Mr Yeltsin's resignation will be an embarrassment for the Kremlin as it welcomes President Clinton for a three-day visit this morning. But more importantly, it could herald a fortnight of political stalemate, leaving the country rudderless at a time when crucial decisions need to be taken to save the near-bankrupt economy.

Aleksandr Kotenkov, Mr Yeltsin's representative in parliament, gave a warning that if the politicians could not put their differences aside quickly, Russia could lurch into even greater economic chaos and trigger civil strife. "If this chaos lasts for several more weeks, it may happen that there will be neither Communists nor us," he said. "I mean a popular uprising, merciless and senseless."

Emerging from the debating chamber looking impassive in spite of the criticism he had just endured, Mr Chernomyrdin made clear that he had no intention of



Chernomyrdin rejected by 251 votes to 94

backing down and would seek confirmation again next week. Indeed, within hours of the vote, Mr Yeltsin had resubmitted Mr Chernomyrdin's name. "This country cannot continue without a Government," the acting Prime Minister said. "No matter what, I must make decisions because life goes on. Steps must be taken to pay arrears to the military, students and coal miners. I will deal with this."

Under Russia's constitution a candidate for Prime Minister can go before the Duma three times to seek confirmation. If he is rejected on the final vote, parliament is dissolved and fresh elections held. To succeed, a candidate requires a simple majority of 226 votes.

The country endured a similar spectacle five months ago when Sergei Kiriyenko won confirmation on the last vote mainly because deputies wanted to avoid elections. The same reasoning may apply

again this time, except that Russia can ill afford to be without an effective Government while its economy falls apart.

In particular, Russia desperately needs the next tranche of IMF loans worth \$4.3 billion due to be paid in mid-September. But no money will be forthcoming until a functioning Government with a clear financial policy is in place, and as soon as word of the latest political stalemate filtered out, the rouble began to slide again.

Although there are behind-the-scenes contacts to revive a power-sharing compromise worked out at the weekend, Duma deputies showed no signs of conciliation during their speeches. Gennadi Zyuganov, whose Communist Party is the largest faction in parliament, said: "What has been going on in the country for seven years under the guise of economic reforms is now lying in ruin. The main cause is the policy, the absence of basic governance and a total lack of responsibility among the country's rulers."

Others speakers followed in a similar vein, including Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the ultranationalist head of the Liberal Democratic Party, and even Grigori Yavlinskiy, the leader of the liberal Yabloko bloc who accused Yeltsin administration of creating a "semi-criminal" economic system.

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Louise Woodward and Barry Scheck appearing together in Edinburgh, where they opposed televised justice

A POISED Louise Woodward swept into Edinburgh with her American lawyer Barry Scheck yesterday to issue a warning of the perils of television turning court cases into soap operas.

The plump, lank-haired teenager who had sobbed uncontrollably in front of millions of television viewers when she was convicted of murdering baby Matthew Eappen had been trans-

## Woodward warning on soap opera justice

formed. Instead, a slim, well-groomed, articulate and serious-minded young woman confronted 900 programme makers at the Edinburgh Television Festival, not to protest her innocence, but to discuss the ethics of media court

coverage. She spoke confidently as she admitted: "I am not famous for anything good."

Miss Woodward and Mr Scheck had imposed strict conditions on her appearance. No television cameras were allowed into the debate and

reporters were obliged to produce letters of accreditation.

Miss Woodward also attended a number of media parties, arriving at one clutching the hand of Mr Scheck's young daughter. It is understood that she was not paid for her appearance. "Barry and I agreed to come and talk about this issue because we think it is important," she said.

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## Channel islet seized by king of Patagonia

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A TINY British-owned island in the English Channel has been "invaded" by an eccentric French novelist in the name of King Orélie-Antoine I, the self-proclaimed monarch of Patagonia who died more than a century ago.

Jean Raspail, a writer who styles himself consul-general of the non-existent Argentine kingdom, said a unit of "Patagonian marines" under a retired English rear-admiral had claimed sovereignty over the deserted Minquiers archipelago south of Jersey in retaliation for Britain's "occupation" of the Falklands.

A light naval unit of the Patagonian fleet landed ... and hoisted the royal blue, white and green flag in place of the British flag, which can be honourably returned to Her Majesty's Embassy in Paris," the statement declared.

The only building on the largest island in the archipelago is a wooden shack containing a lavatory. Nailed to it was a plaque declaring the island to be the southernmost part of the British Isles. This has now been replaced by one describing it as a new royal Patagonian "colony" and the northernmost region of Patagonia.

The amphibious landing was carried out at dawn on Sunday and met no resistance since the only inhabitants at the time were a handful of surprised seagulls. In fact, the invasion passed unnoticed until the declaration of sovereignty was issued in the name of Orélie-Antoine yesterday.

The British Embassy in Paris was unable to comment on the invasion. Indeed, the bank holiday switchboard operator was rendered speechless by the news.

M Raspail said the fictional

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## 9-wicket star of the Oval

England's cricketers were overwhelmed by Muttiah Muralitharan, who completed match figures of 16 for 220, the fifth best in Test cricket, as the home side's resistance was ended with half-an-hour in hand at the Oval. The off-spinner took nine for 65 in the second innings, and only a run-out deprived him of the chance to join Jim Laker as the one man with all ten.... Pages 23, 29

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# Diana 'true believers' make heretic head for sanctuary

EXACTLY 365 days had passed since they heard the news, but the worshippers had not weakened one iota in their passion for their idol. Among the gentle, seemingly crowds, strollers placing their flowers and eating their lunchtime picnics outside Kensington Palace yesterday, there was a hard core of aggressively pro-Diana acolytes ready to pounce on any dissenting voice.

An ugly scene threatened to erupt and shatter the sunny, peaceful scene when the crowd overheard the reckless LSE historian Dr David Starkey voicing his notorious anti-Diana opinions for the CBS TV news cameras. Across Kensington Gardens came the unmistakable sounds of an incipient lynch mob. "Out, out, out" they chanted, giving the dapper Starkey a slow handclap. His voice was

## Valerie Grove sees historian risk lynch law from devoted crowd who regard him as enemy at the gates

quickly drowned out by their yelling. "You pathetic prat!" they bawled. "You've picked the wrong day, mate." "How would you like it if you'd died and someone said those things about you?" As the noise grew, the park police stepped in. "Calm down, let's have a bit of dignity please." Dr Starkey was then marched with police escort towards the sanctuary of the Royal Garden Hotel. "It was obviously a troupe of Diana True Believers," said Dr Starkey. "I said deeply shocking things," he explained, all sarcasm. "I said

that in the last 12 months, Charles had shown himself to be a very good father. And I cited the photograph in The Sun which showed Harry reaching up to Charles — and that's when the booing started. "Because these are people who believe passionately in Diana the Unique, Diana the Holy. These people hate the Monarchy. They saw Diana correctly as the Republicans' secret weapon, a woman who would do anything to destroy the House of Windsor. I said Diana had had a series of affairs, which is true. I said the mildest gentlest things and

that was the reaction. Imagine if Christopher Hitchens [whose Channel 4 documentary Diana, The Mourning After, showed dissenters throughout the land who were appalled by the hysteria] had come. He would be torn apart by wild horses."

Word quickly crossed the park to the NBC people, who were expecting Hitchens later; they promptly decided to keep him in a studio instead. Until that moment, the day had been an orderly, stammered-down version of last year's scene in the Mall: flowers, mawkish verses, poems and songs ("Diana, the eternal flame, / A light in the dark, / A symbol of love, / A flower in the park") teddies, collages, candles and even garden gnomes.

And just as last year's crowds were swelled by media coverage — people came because they had seen on television that others were coming, they were making a collective, imitative response — this year's crowds were inspired by reading in the media that last year was just a one-off, that there was "Diana-fatigue". The assumption insulted their loyalty, and so they came in sheer defiance.

Angelica Brozler, a former investment banker, came with a single rose: "I came because I was slightly furious with the media for saying people didn't care much any more. What happened last year was a true expression of what people felt. It was not hyped up. Commentators keep discrediting

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David Starkey receives a police escort away from Kensington Palace



## Lawyers head for a million

Lawyers with top commercial law firms enjoyed a record-breaking year with the highest paid partners earning nearly £900,000. The figures are in stark contrast to the earnings of most solicitors, who work in small firms and are lucky to earn £60,000 a year.... Page 2

## Music teacher on rape charge

A public school music teacher appeared in court in Taunton charged with raping a girl aged 15. David Fitzgerald, 26, an Australian teaching in England, is alleged to have raped the girl at his Somerset home in the early hours of Saturday. He was remanded in custody until Thursday.

## Shell merger

Shell is close to agreeing a merger of its European refining and marketing operations with Texaco after a dramatic fall in refinery-profits across the Continent. Both companies have been hit by a glut of gasoline and heating oil in world markets.... Page 44

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# Think tank to put case for shake-up of taxation system

Fabian Society commission of inquiry will try to force hand of Blair and Brown on 'taboo' subject, writes Philip Webster

A THINK tank linked to Labour is to mount a full-scale investigation into all aspects of taxation and government policy towards it.

The commission of inquiry, announced today by the Fabian Society, which is affiliated to the Labour Party but independent of it, will be a direct challenge to the reluctance of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown to talk about taxation and justify increasing it.

Its report is timed to emerge at the end of next year with the aim of influencing Labour's next general election manifesto. It seems certain to criticise Labour's defensiveness over taxation. The Fabian Society says that taxation has become the

"taboo" subject of British politics because of Labour's belief that its tax-and-spend image lost it the 1992 election, and that its promise not to increase income tax helped it to win last year.

The Labour Left will welcome the opportunity provided by the inquiry to reopen the debate about tax levels, particularly on the wealthy. One senior leftwinger said yesterday: "If the commission concludes that a properly progressive system is the way forward it will be a valuable pointer to the Government. The case for raising more

taxes from the rich is now unanswerable." Labour has promised not to raise the top rate of tax during this Parliament.

Lord Plant of Highfield, a leading political philosopher, is to chair the 15-member Commission on Taxation and Citizenship, whose overall aim will be to redefine the case for taxation in terms of the relationship between the individual and the state. The society says that the present tax structure is "essentially unsustainable" and promises radical proposals to rectify it.

The commission will examine all

aspects of taxation policy. These include the "hypothecation" or earmarking of taxes for specific purposes; the role of taxation in the redistribution of wealth and income; the future of the national insurance system and welfare funding; the extension of local taxation beyond the Scottish parliament to Wales, Northern Ireland and the English regions; and the impact of the European single currency on tax policy.

Its most sensitive discussions will centre on reform of the taxation system, including scrutiny of the

tax base, the use of tax reliefs, the balance between individual and corporate taxation, the political process by which taxes are set, and the mechanisms for tax collection.

The society proposes a substantial overhaul of the system itself. The present one has grown up through a series of incremental changes implemented for different reasons over a long time with many anomalies. It points to a fundamental weakness in the system, that spending commitments have only been met over the last 20 years by occasional one-off injections of

funds, such as North Sea oil revenue, privatisation receipts and the windfall tax on the privatised utilities.

Michael Jacobs, general secretary of the Fabians, said yesterday: "The legacy of the Thatcher years has made taxation almost a taboo subject in British politics. It is time for a new debate about the purpose of taxation and its central role in funding public services."

Lord Plant, who chaired Labour's commission on electoral systems while in Opposition, is Master of St Catherine's College,

Oxford. Other members include Jonathan Charlton, a former adviser to the Bank of England

Governor, Fran Bennett, former director of the Child Poverty Action Group, Ruth Evans, director of the National Consumer Council, Paul Johnson, deputy director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, Sir Nicholas Monck, former permanent secretary at the Department of Employment, Brian Pomeroy, senior partner of Deloitte and Touche consulting group, and Wendy Thomson, chief executive of the London borough of Newham.

# Prisons attack inspector's claim on drug barons

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE bitter feud between the Prison Service and the Chief Inspector of Prisons erupted into the open last night when it dismissed his claim that drug barons operated in big prisons as "empty words".

Sir David Ramsbotham was told to "put up or shut up" and challenged to produce evidence to support his allegation that some of the big jails in England and Wales harboured at least twenty dealers.

In a brief statement indicating that the service had finally lost patience with the chief inspector, it said he had been unable to produce evidence to support his previous allegations about the extent of drug dealing and expected none from him on this occasion.

The statement said: "Without evidence to back-up claims

of this kind, they are just empty words. We take prompt action against prisoners using drugs when we have the evidence. Nothing was provided last time and we are not anticipating any this time."

But last night the 27,000-strong Prison Officers Association rallied to support Sir David's claim. Mark Freeman of the association said that in jails such as Leeds or Liverpool, with up to 1,000 inmates, it was quite possible for that number of people to be dealing in drugs. "They will be taking the stuff, they will be dealing in it. Some purely for profit and some bartering for other goods," he said.

The chief inspector is increasingly frustrated at funding cuts that have hit education and training programmes and believes the

service should be overhauled to provide better-focused direction. He also believes the prison service should take a much tougher approach towards stopping drugs getting into jails and "isolating" drug barons from other prisoners.

Sir David's latest claim infuriated officials, who have dismissed him as a "loose cannon" intent on extending the remit of his role from being inspector of prisons to inspector of the prison service.

The chief inspector's claim that at least 20 drug barons operated in each of the biggest jails was made to MPs investigating prison issues and what alternative punishments could replace prison sentences.

It was included in a letter sent to the Commons Home Affairs select committee after he told them in March that there were ten drug barons in each of the 135 jails in the country. Sir David told both Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Richard Tilt, the Director General of the Prison Service, that he was mistaken and that the true number of drug barons is much higher than his original "top of the head" estimate.

He writes in his letter: "I also explained to the Home Secretary and to the Director General that my own inspector told me that I was wrong, in that there were at least twenty in some of the bigger prisons."

Sir David says that in highlighting the number of remand or convicted criminals operating as dealers, he was attempting to show how much misery they caused among other inmates.

In the letter sent in May, Sir David admits that he cannot possibly evaluate exactly how many drug dealers there are and that it is "invidious to quibble over whether ten is or is not the correct assessment".

Sir David's letter, which has been seen by The Times, does not reveal which of the bigger prisons has at least twenty criminals dealing in drugs. The letter was in reply to a note from Mr Tilt, answering a number of the assertions made by Sir David.



Diners yesterday at Il Forno, the restaurant in La Muela where Mr Noye was seized by police. He is facing extradition proceedings

# Attacked inmate wins right to sue

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A PRISONER whose face was badly scarred after a razor attack by inmates has won a test ruling that he is entitled to compensation on the ground that the Home Office failed to ensure the prison was run safely.

Robert Hartshorn, a convicted murderer, goes to court today to have his damages assessed after a winning his personal injuries claim in July. He is seeking £20,000. The Home Office has lodged an appeal against the ruling.

At present, only prisoners who are known by the authorities to be at risk of attack, such as child abusers, can seek to mount a claim. The ruling in this case, however, opens up the possibility of a claim by any prisoner who is attacked if he can show that the authorities were negligent in ensuring prisoners' safety.

Hartshorn, 34, of Merthyr Tydfil, who was jailed in 1986, was attacked by two men in



Hartshorn: seeking £20,000 in damages

Gartree Prison, Leicestershire in September 1995. He brought a claim in Torquay County Court, which ruled that the Home Office had been negligent in failing to ensure the prison was operated in a safe and secure manner.

His solicitor, Kerry Austin of Woolcombe Beer Watts, said that the ruling had changed the law and made it easier for prisoners who are attacked to bring a claim.

# Work stops on Noye's place in the sun

FROM STEPHEN FARRELL IN LA MUELA

BUILDERS yesterday stopped work on the £350,000 Spanish villa of Kenneth Noye, complaining that he owed them three million pesetas (£12,500).

Pepin Gomez, a local contractor, ordered his four workers to dismantle their scaffolding and move out of the whitewashed hilltop house in Atlánterra as soon as he heard about his arrest. Kent Police have confirmed Mr Noye is wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of Stephen Cameron, 21, during an argument with the driver of a Land Rover Discovery near Swanley in May 1996.

Danielle Cabte, then 17, was a passenger in the car when Mr Cameron received fatal knife wounds.

Señor Gomez, 47, yesterday refused to say how he had first met the Englishman he knew as "Mikey". He said: "He was going to

pay me today. We had one stopped work in cash a month ago but he said he wanted the bill at the end of the job because he could put it through his company and claim it back in his country."

"He was trying to buy the piece of land next to the house which was owned by a German." He said Mr Noye only lived at the villa at weekends, spending the week at another home in the nearby coastal village of Los Canos de Meca, but arrived each morning to check on progress.

Although Mr Noye, who spoke little or no Spanish and always paid in cash, carried a mobile telephone he never gave them his number or surname and there was no telephone at the house, said Señor Gomez.

Locals in La Muela, half an hour's drive from the resort of Atlánterra said that Mr Noye, 51, had been seen around the area for two years. He was



A Spanish policeman examines Mr Noye's car in Cadiz

arrested last Friday while dining with a woman at a nearby fish restaurant in La Muela and is now in solitary confinement at the maximum security prison in Puerto de Sanz Maria awaiting extradition proceedings. In recent months Mr Noye appears to have been building up a property development business

on Spain's Atlantic Costa de la Luz, a region popular with Spanish holidaymakers but relatively unknown to the British hordes which throng to the Costa del Sol, 150 miles away.

He was renovating his Atlánterra and seeking to buy the land next door. He is also believed to have interests in

other buildings in La Muela and the nearby towns of Tarifa and Barbate.

The extradition case could last 10 months. After Mr Noye's appearance in a Cadiz court on Saturday, the British authorities now have 28 days to submit their formal extradition request and evidence to the Ministry of Justice in Madrid.

"The evidence will then be sent to the central criminal court where prosecutors will want to know whether Noye has broken any Spanish laws such as using a false passport and if Kent Police have a prima facie case," he said.

The Crown Prosecution Service has told Kent Police they believe there is enough evidence for his extradition.

However, if Mr Noye is found to have committed offences locally he is likely to be tried and serve any sentence in Spain before extradition.

If not it will be six months before the case is heard before up to three judges.

# Top lawyers earn close to £900,000

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS in the top commercial law firms have had a record-breaking year, with the highest paid partners now earning nearly £900,000 a year, according to a survey published today.

Partners at the City of London firm Slaughter and May are the wealthiest, according to the annual survey by the monthly magazine *Legal Business*. Their top rate is £875,000 a year.

But close behind is Allen & Overy at £800,000. New partners in the firm, generally solicitors in their early 30s, would receive £437,000. Twenty commercial firms saw profits shoot up by more than 30 per cent, the survey also shows.

The 260 partners of Britain's biggest commercial firm, Clifford Chance, celebrated a 38 per cent leap in average profits to £478,000. Herben Smith, whose clients include BAT, Stagecoach and Eurotun-

nel, saw average profits leap by 35 per cent to £473,000, and partners at Norton Rose, which played a leading role in last year's Guinness/Grand Met Merger, saw profits soar by 31 per cent to £331,000.

The figures are in stark contrast to the earnings of most solicitors. Those in the smaller firms of fewer than five partners would be lucky to earn £60,000 a year and are currently facing huge demands for their professional insurance premiums.

The earnings do not represent take-home pay, however; many firms have big overheads and rent or property refurbishment costs. Many partners have to plough back a quarter of their earnings into their firm.

The survey also found that the top 100 firms in England and Wales billed their clients a total of £4.34 billion in legal fees last year, a 16.4 per cent rise on the

previous year and the biggest year-on-year increase since 1993, the first year of the survey. Then, in the middle of a recession, fees stood at £2.7 billion.

Marilyn Klein, editor of *Legal Business*, said: "Today's record-breaking figure shows law firm fees have swelled by over 60 per cent in just five years."

They resulted from the continued boom in mergers and acquisition business, she said, coupled with capital markets activity. The firms performing best were the acknowledged leaders in those fields: Slaughter and May, Freshfields, and Linklaters. The top banking firms were Allen & Overy and Clifford Chance; profit margins leapt by 40 per cent at those firms.

Outside London the star performers were Leeds-based Hammond Suddards and Wragge & Co in Birmingham.

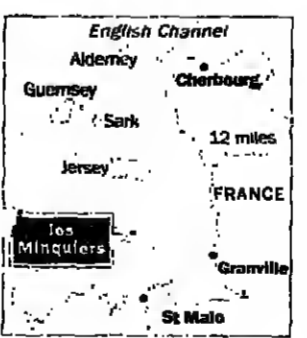
# Invasion by the king of Patagonia

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kingdom of Patagonia has more than 1,000 subjects to its name and boasts seven boats in its navy.

He refused to identify the admiral in command of the royal fleet, pointing out that as the kingdom's naval supreme, the retired British officer had left it necessary to resign for 48 hours during the invasion in order to avoid a conflict of loyalties.

M Raspaill claims to be the diplomatic representative of Antoine Tounens, a French adventurer who arrived in southern Argentina in 1860 and had himself proclaimed King of Patagonia by the resident Indians. Tounens's rule was short and hilarious.



The novelist subsequently decided to reestablish the long-dead Tounens as "King of Patagonia in perpetuity", and he first laid claim to the Miniquiers archipelago in June 1984.

This, he claimed, was "in response to Britain's unacceptable and prolonged occupation of the Malvinas Islands (the Argentine name for the Falklands), a territory of Patagonia".

"The rocks in the Channel are very similar to the landscape of Patagonia," M Raspaill said yesterday from his home outside Paris.

The Miniquiers archipelago, most of which is submerged at high tide, was for many years the focus of a territorial dispute between Britain and France, but in 1983 the International Court of Justice in The Hague rejected the French claim and confirmed British sovereignty. The self-proclaimed consul-general of Patagonia insists he has now taken over the French claim to the rocks "so scandalously abandoned by the governments of the Fourth Republic".

M Raspaill said he expected a British effort to retake the islands would be launched "within hours", but last night the blue, white and green of the royal house of Patagonia still fluttered over the disputed rocks, as Britain faced the first invasion of its Channel Island possessions since the Second World War.

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# Young Princes shielded from the public glare

A HANDFUL of respectful onlookers waited outside the stone gates of Balmoral Castle. As the sombre procession of vehicles emerged for the drive to Crathie church and the memorial service for Diana, Princess of Wales, they fell silent.

On a day for private grief and quiet reflection, few of the 40 or so people who gathered outside the Queen's estate on Royal Deeside to pay their respects on the first anniversary of the Princess's death expected any acknowledgment from the royal party as they drove past in a convoy of cars. It was enough to catch a glimpse of Prince William and Prince Harry, sandwiched between Prince Edward and the Princess Royal in the back of a one of the vehicles. The Princes, who had requested the private service to remember their mother, looked solemn and dignified as they entered the church to take their usual seats in the royal transept alongside their father.

The 20-minute service, also attended by Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie, was conducted by the Rev Robert Sloan, the Queen's domestic chaplain in Scotland. It was a simple commemorative event that included four readings from the Bible and prayers for the Princess and her family.

Mr Sloan read Psalm 23, the Lord Is My Shepherd, and from Isaiah, chapter 40, which begins, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, sayeth your God." He was followed by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev Professor Alan Main, who read from Romans, chapter 8. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not in the flesh but after the Spirit", and St John's Gospel, chapter 14, which begins, "Let not your heart be troubled."

Later Mr Sloan said yesterday's service was designed to help the Princes William and Harry to cope on what must have been a painful day. "Our main concern was for the boys, that they be allowed to

**William and Harry allowed to remember their mother in private, writes Gillian Harris**

how they are feeling. There is no reason why they should want to stop and talk to people on today of all days."

Kathleen and Stanley Gould, on holiday from Preston, Lancashire, agreed. "We came here to show our respects and because we feel sorry for the boys. But we also feel the Royal Family should be left alone today and be given some privacy," Mrs Gould said.

Only the Judd family from Bracknell, Berkshire, were disappointed not to meet Princes William and Harry. Deborah and Barry Judd had travelled to Balmoral with their sons Daniel, 9, and Adrian, 6, at the end of a fortnight's holiday. They had wanted to present the Princes with a box of chocolates and a condolence card. "It would have been nice to hand them to the boys," Mrs Judd said. "We just wanted to let them know that we are thinking of them."

An hour after the service ended, Crathie church was reopened to the public. Some of those gathered outside Balmoral drifted up the hill to the granite church to offer prayers for the Princess.

A special prayer sheet had been placed in the pews. It read: "Today I have come to this quiet place to offer my prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving for Diana, Princess of Wales. She was a person whose life touched the hearts of so many people. She knew sorrow as well as happiness in her own life, and through this she grew in compassion for the suffering of others."

"I pray for those who were closest to her. I pray especially for her two young sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. Surround them with your loving care. May the love and assurance of their family protect them."

Outside, in the late summer sunshine, visitors wandered around the small churchyard lost in thought. "I can see why the Royal Family chose to remember her here," Ronald Murty, from Glasgow, said. "It is so peaceful, so quiet. It gives you time to think."

remember their mother in the way that they want," he said. After the service the Royal Family made the short drive back across the Dee to the sanctity of Balmoral. It had been suggested that the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the young Princes might stop at the gates to speak to those who had waited patiently in the sunshine but the cars swept past.

To local people, who are fiercely protective of the Royal Family when they are visiting Balmoral, it was the right decision. Even a year ago, when thousands of mourners flocked to Kensington Palace and Althorp to lay flowers, the people of Deeside stayed away from Balmoral, preferring to let the bereaved family mourn in private.

"Today is not about the Queen's subjects," Marjorie Black, from Aberdeen, said. "It is about the Princes, and



Union flag at half mast over Buckingham Palace



Tony and Cherie Blair leaving Balmoral yesterday morning for the memorial service for Diana, Princess of Wales, at Crathie parish church

## Expected crowds stay away from Althorp

By DANIEL MCGRORY

EARL SPENCER and his family remembered Diana, Princess of Wales, behind the locked gates of Althorp yesterday as far fewer people than expected arrived to pay their tributes at her ancestral home.

There was little evidence of the public grief displayed a year ago. Most visitors said they wanted to respect the earl's wishes for privacy and tranquillity. His neighbours, wary as ever of being besieged by Diana worshippers, said that yesterday showed a shift in mood in the way the

public were remembering the Princess's death.

The visitors were subdued but the sentiments expressed by those leaving their flowers and poems was respect and fondness rather than the unrestrained grief of a year ago.

No one kept vigil as visitors came and went in swift and silent order. Margaret Morris, 46, from Hinckley, Leicestershire, said: "We won't ever forget Diana but maybe this is the end of the process of public grieving."

Lord Spencer, together with his sisters, Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Lady Jane Fellowes, and other family members gathered for a simple service at the lakeside looking over to the island where the Princess is buried. They were joined by estate workers and those locally who remember the Princess's childhood. Together they sang hymns and said prayers before leaving flowers at the side of the oval lake.

Lord Spencer had hoped that Prince William and Prince Harry would have attended yesterday's memorial service but they told him they wished to remain with their father, the Prince of Wales, at Balmoral.

Outside Althorp the police and security guards who had sealed off the estate from first light were hardly needed as a trickle rather than the expect-

ed flood of well-wishers drew up at the black and gold iron gates. By dusk only a few hundred bouquets and personal tributes lined the sandstone walls.

Deanna Scharenguivel, 58, and her daughter Joanna, 30, said: "We still wanted to come and pay our respects because she was such a marvellous woman and we will keep her memory alive. But perhaps it's time we put our grief away."

There was relief among the estate's neighbours in Great Brington that predictions that their village would be submerged by day-trippers never materialised, just as the expectation that Althorp would become a giant park when it was opened this summer was unfulfilled.

Many of those there yesterday had visited the exhibition about the Princess in the last hours before it closed on Sunday. Some, like Diane Parker, 46, said: "It's a shame we couldn't have paid our respects at the lakeside. Those who would have made such a journey would obviously have behaved with dignity."

Many of those who came yesterday were tourists simply curious to see the Princess's home. They were disappointed at seeing little more than the Spencer flag flying at half-mast above the 350-year-old house.

## Diana devotees turn on heretic

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people's feelings," Geoffrey Musgrave, a policeman, and his wife Colleen, a retired college lecturer, from Kingsbury, northwest London, brought roses to declare their support for a Diana garden in the park. "We have a rose garden in Regent's Park for Queen Mary, why not for Diana?" said Mrs Musgrave.

Angela and Richard Harding, chartered surveyors from Bristol, were visiting London with their niece Freya, 18, from Australia, and their sons George and Tom, but brought no flowers. Mrs Harding said: "I find flowers and messages sickly, like in memorial verses in provincial papers. But I came because it still makes me profoundly sad that she died so young. And because if anyone should be criticised, it is her husband who caused her unhappiness. People still feel that very strongly."

Indeed they do. Gill Marselles, from Raynes Park, southwest London, sat on a bench, having distributed leaflets. She said: "Charles and Camilla, I will never forgive you. I hope Diana is always the third person in your relationship." A retired nanny, she and her friend Ruth, a retired nurse, had been to Althorp yesterday and to Paris on the Princess's birthday ("I felt closer to Diana than ever before, in Paris"). A year ago

they had been first on the scene with flowers at Kensington Gardens at 6.15 am.

They greeted a young man carrying roses, Ian Jackman, a hotel manager from Hampstead, had just returned from Paris. How did they know each other? "From following Diana, of course," Jackman had followed her for ten years. Anyone carrying a television camera (they outnumbered the crowd at first) was harangued by Diana fans with scorn for the Royal family and support for Diana. "Used, abused and discarded by the Royals and their cronies," was one message put it. "So much loved by the people who really matter."

Typical of the Princess's people, Jo Bird and Jack Mauney, student midwife and ex-soldier, had arrived at midnight and camped under a tree with two candles. They waxed lyrical about the midnight scene: "The gold and black gates lit by all the candles were like an altar. It was quiet, and loving, and respectful."

At the other side of the park, a younger, livelier, more mixed, more raucous and much bigger crowd was thronging towards the Notting Hill Carnival. The two events will undoubtedly be a Bank Holiday fixture again in 1999. Even Dr Starkey will have to accept that.



Lisa Marie Camp, 8, laying flowers outside Althorp

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# My curse will haunt killers, says Al Fayed

Alan Hamilton sees Harrods boss swear new vengeance over crash

THE first anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was marked yesterday by private prayers, subdued remembrance, and a promise by Mohamed Al Fayed that his Egyptian curse would ultimately find those responsible for the deaths of the Princess and his son Dodi.

Mr Al Fayed, who has clung resolutely to a conspiracy theory over the crash in the Paris, and has pointedly refrained from sending any message of condolence to the Royal Family, used a brief visit to his Harrods store yesterday to fire another dart in the side of his perceived enemy, the British Establishment.

Greeting a small crowd who had gone to sign books of condolence and to view a shrine to the dead couple, Mr Al Fayed said: "The Establishment won't accept Dodi — as an Egyptian and as my son — as the man who could have married Princess Diana."

Gesturing to the knot of onlookers, Mr Al Fayed said: "These are ordinary people — they know exactly what happened. They will not accept the Establishment, or people being blackballed. I am just looking to God, but I will not rest."

Struggling with his emotions, he added: "If it wasn't an accident, and it's a murder, be sure that if the people who did this murder believe they will get away with it, then Hell will come to them. If they are more powerful than God, then people will come to them, and my Egyptian curse will not let them get away with it. Either I am wrong or they are."

Mr Al Fayed expressed sym-

pathy for Prince William and Prince Harry: "I feel sorry for the Princes, who are very close and are two very loving boys. For two children the mother is such an important thing. I am suffering because I lost my son but those two boys are strong boys with a lot of character. They have inherited a lot from Diana."

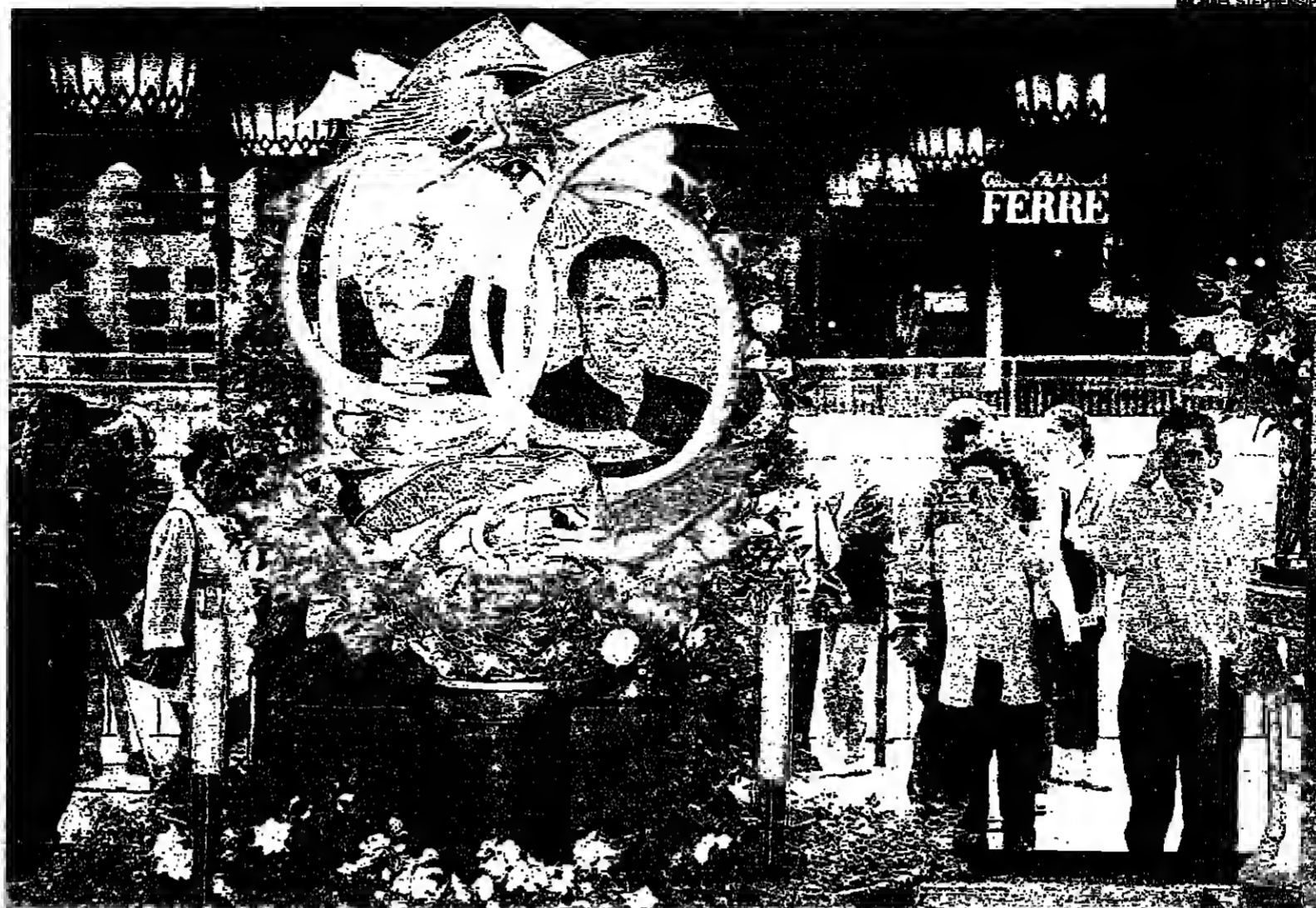
Mr Al Fayed had been expected to spend the day at his family home at Oxted, Surrey, in private prayer and contemplation. But he went to his Knightsbridge store in the early afternoon, saying that he had come to thank those members of the public who had queued to sign his books of condolence placed outside the store.

Dressed in a sombre grey suit, Mr Al Fayed used the occasion as another opportunity to promote his view than an unspecified "Establishment" would never have allowed a marriage between a son of his and the Princess.

The Harrods chairman, whose applications for British citizenship have been consistently refused by the Home Office, is apparently alone in believing that his son and the Princess were even contemplating a permanent union.

"I always talk my mind. I fear nobody," he said. "I follow my heart. It has been a horrendous day but there is a lot of feeling here, so much support from so many people. I really appreciated it. I am very grateful."

"I spent the day with the family in the morning. I just came to see all the people waiting here. It is nice just to share that. This is so important to me."



A replica of the basement shrine forms part of the window dressing at Harrods yesterday: two lecterns with books of condolence were near by

## Kitsch in store for mourners at Harrods

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE department store whose telegraphic address is "Everything, London", and whose food halls are a paradigm of excellence, yesterday unveiled the counterpoint to its otherwise impeccable taste in merchandise.

In the lower ground floor of Harrods, by the Egyptian "stairway to heaven" escalator, Mohamed Al Fayed has created a permanent memorial to his son Dodi and Diana, Princess of Wales. The memorial reflects neither the Christian nor the Islamic traditions: it is pure kitsch.

Harrods said yesterday that the memorial would form the centrepiece of a permanent shrine "in response to continuing public requests for an appropriate place to leave flowers, tributes and messages of condolence". It is, essentially, a bronze fountain whose pools of water are intended to symbolise eternal life and whose display of freesias, lilies and roses was, according to a Harrods spokesman, "inspired by the couple's last

holiday together and the happiness they shared".

The 10ft-high memorial is crowned by colour portraits of the couple — that of the Princess from her 1991 *Vogue* photoshoot — framed in gilded swirls and interlinked by a double D. Water from the fountain flows from the beaks of four seagulls, intended to reinforce the symbolism of water as eternal life. There is no reference to Henri Paul, the driver who also died.

The shrine is the work of Bill Mitchell, the store's in-house designer who worked on the restoration of another of Mr Al Fayed's properties, the Ritz in Paris. It was made by Harrods' own craftsmen. Queues for the shrine, which is tucked away on the lower ground floor, were modest yesterday and opinions were divided. Some thought it too glitzy, others approved of a reminder that more than one person died in the crash.

An identical copy of the shrine has been placed in one of the store's front



A well-wisher hugs Al Fayed

windows and at 10am two green-coated doormen placed two lecterns with open books of condolence on either side of the window. A small queue, numbering about 50 within half an hour, built up to sign the books

and to leave bouquets and cards against the shop window. The display, like the crowd, was tiny compared with that at the Kensington Palace gates.

The first card to be placed by the Harrods' window arrived before the public and bore the handwritten message: "Dear Mr Fayed. We are thinking of you and your family on this day of remembrance for Dodi and Diana. Thank you for giving us a memorial to visit which is accessible to the people. With all best wishes for the future." The card was unsigned.

At night, the exterior of Harrods is normally lit by 11,000 bulbs. Last night it was in darkness, and its flag at half-mast, in common with royal residences and public buildings throughout the country. The only light was that illuminating the memorial window display.

The temporary shrine in the window will remain until the end of the week. Then Mr Al Fayed will take it home and use it for his own private contemplation.

## Parisians hold vigil at shrine near site of crash

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

POEMS were read by candlelight last night at the unofficial shrine in Paris near where the Princess met her death.

The cultural group, *Odyssee Découverte*, was granted official permission to hold an anniversary gathering at the site, where bouquets and tributes had been left throughout the day. A choir sang and readings were made from the poems written and left at the "Flame of Liberty" sculpture in memory of the Princess.

The flag on the British Embassy flew at half-mast, and the apartment off the Champs-Élysées belonging to Dodi Fayed, where he and the Princess were headed on the night of the crash, was closed and shuttered.

Police reinforced security around the underpass beneath the *Place de l'Alma* to prevent anyone from attempting to enter the tunnel to visit the spot where the speeding limousine smashed into a concrete pillar. But in the early hours of yesterday one person managed to break through the metal barricades to lay a single bouquet by the pillar.

Stephanie Debove-Thery, the head of *Odyssee Découverte*, said of last night's ceremony: "It's a very sad anniversary and we want to make sure it's remembered. We have not invited VIPs. It's an open invitation. It's for everyone." Among those who made the pilgrimage to the *Place de l'Alma* was Frédéric Mailliez, the off-duty doctor who attended the dying Princess just moments after the crash. "I wish I could have done more. I know I did my best but she could have lived 50 years longer... I'm not proud of what I did. I was just doing my job," he told reporters.

The doctor added that a permanent Paris memorial should be erected. "People are laying flowers here, which is wonderful... There is clearly a demand for something special to be placed here."

## Foreign attention focuses on how Britons feel a year later

Helen Rumbelow detects a note of disappointment from abroad that people are not crying in the streets

FOR observers from other countries, the obsession with how Britain was coping with the anniversary, rather than the woman whose death it marked.

They made calls in their dozens yesterday from Detroit to Brussels, to radio and television stations, even Internet sites, anxious to know whether the astonishing outpouring of emotion last year would be repeated.

A call to *The Times* newsdesk from a Seattle radio station, nearly the tenth in an hour, was typical.

"How are they reacting? Are people crying in the streets?" asked Willie, the on-air host. Like Willie, many seemed disappointed that the British were returning to the reputation of reserve they have abroad. But in sharp contrast to the reporting of the death and funeral coverage yesterday abroad was patchy. Very few newspapers beyond European ones mentioned the anniversary of the Princess's

death and those that did often expressed weariness at all the coverage that had gone before. France and Australia were exceptions. Although *Libération* wrote of "a kingdom that has finally finished mourning for the tearful Princess and appears to want to turn the page," the word "frugal" was one of the most common to crop up in reports about the reaction of Britons. The popular

daily *France-Soir* voiced this frustration at the British reserve. "The second humiliation" read its front-page headline. "Humiliated by Charles while she was alive, will she be humiliated again by her admirers after her death?" In Australia the *Sydney Morning Herald* offered mixed praise for the national stiff upper lip and accused the media of going over the top. "One year on, Britain is coping well

with the death of Diana, Princess of Wales... Only a few journalists and television producers seem still unable to come to terms with their loss." None of the major American newspapers ran the anniversary as front-page news. *The New York Times* mentions it in a leading article headlined "Misplaced Mourning", only to write of last year's phenomenon: "Of course,

now the locals have begun to wonder if maybe it wasn't all a little over the top." *The Washington Post* leading article notes that "the British public seem to be reacting with what once, pre-Diana, was considered its customary reserve". A supplementary article on media coverage adds: "Is there anybody who hasn't really had enough by now? ... Diana tried to keep her dignity in life, and

it's unseemly to try robbing her of it now."

Only a handful of other newspapers around the world reported the anniversary, with several highlighting the irony that many who went to pay tribute at royal palaces were in fact tourists from their countries. *The News in Pakistan* said that "tourists outnumbered Britons in a muted display of mourning" and that "one year after being gripped by mass hysteria over her death, the British are showing signs of 'Diana fatigue'".

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# Russians want e-mail bids for lost Nazi archive

By PHILLIP KNIGHTLEY

A SECRET archive of Nazi documents — including diaries of Martin Bormann, Hitler's chief associate — said to have been seized by Red Army commandos in Berlin in the last days of the Second World War, is being offered for sale in the West.



Bormann: his diaries may tell of Hitler's end

The archive, of about one million pages, could cast new light on the war and events leading up to it. It includes not only Nazi files but French files seized by the Gestapo when Paris fell and then taken to Berlin. The Red Army sent the documents packed in steel trunks to Moscow by train and from there they were dispersed for safe-keeping to other Soviet cities and towns.

Israel Shamir, a Moscow journalist who is acting for the sale of the documents, said: "They were stacked in government rooms in any old order, the doors were locked and then just about everybody forgot about them. The only sign that anyone bothered to read any of them is a few handwritten notes on some pages made by the head of Stalin's secret service.

Lavrenti Beria." When Gorbachev liberalised the Soviet regime in the late 1980s, Moscow announced that the Nazi archive would be accessible to scholars and historians, but nothing happened. No one knew where all the trunks were and — because they had never been catalogued — what they contained. No historian had the time or money to do that.

Last year a group of Russian entrepreneurs formed a private company and proposed to

the Russian Government that it should catalogue the Nazi documents at its own expense in return for the right to exploit their contents. It has been slowly carrying out that work and has decided to market the archive.

Mr Shamir said that since there could be disputes over the legal ownership of the archive, the Russian company had, for the moment, decided to sell only copies of the documents. The list of the contents of the archive that the company has given him includes: □ Martin Bormann's diaries from January 1 to May 1, 1945, which presumably document the Nazi leaders' last days in the Berlin bunker.

□ The personal papers of Heinrich Himmler, the SS chief. Among them is a letter from the Irish poet and Nobel prizewinner W.B. Yeats, written after his visit to Germany in 1938, saying how impressed he was with Nazi Germany. □ Hundreds of letters exchanged between General Erich Ludendorff, Chief of the German General Staff in the First World War, and Walter Nicolai, head of the German Secret Service, 1919-23.

□ Correspondence between Nicolai and Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, 1930-39.

□ The personal archive of Franz von Papen, the politician who helped Hitler to become Chancellor of Germany. This includes letters between Von Papen and Hitler, Himmler and Hess.

□ The original manuscripts of some of Bertolt Brecht's plays. □ Files from the French secret service, the Deuxième Bureau, revealing that Paul Rayout, a journalist who was head of Havas, the French news agency in Berlin during 1933-37, was actually a French spy.

Mr Shamir says he is not authorised to disclose who is behind the company and all negotiations with possible buyers in the West have so far been conducted by e-mail: ishmir@mail.xcix.com

"The company has no address," Mr Shamir said. "It lives in cyberspace."



Barbara Fowler and her grass portrait. "It isn't a compliment at all," she said, "it's quite embarrassing"

A WOMAN whose face has been reproduced in growing grass for an art exhibition is not best pleased with the result (Deborah Colcutt writes). First, she did not give her permission; second, Barbara Fowler says, "I'm sure they've added lines that weren't there originally."

Mrs Fowler's features are on display on a 20ft growing canvas in a gallery in Hull. The picture was created by Heather Ackroyd with the help of special grass developed by local scientists.

Ms Ackroyd spotted Mrs Fowler in the street and asked to photograph her. She was so struck by her strong features that she decided to make her portrait the focus of her grass image. However, Mrs

## Subject cuts grass art down to size

Fowler, a pensioner, is appalled that her face is on display as part of the Photo '98 Year of Photography and Electronic Image exhibition, commissioned by Hull Time Based Arts. She said: "I'm very annoyed to see what they've done with my photo. They

didn't tell me their plans. When they asked if they could take my photo I told them to get someone younger but they said they wanted someone with strong features. It isn't a compliment at all, it's quite embarrassing.

"I've spoken to Heather and she says she is sorry I'm upset but I only live five minutes away and there's going to be a lot of people recognise me."

The work was made by planting 75kg of seed on a clay-covered wall. A slide was made from Mrs Fowler's photograph and light shone through it onto the "living canvas". Where the light is brightest, the grass grows longer, creating shadows along the face's contours.

## IoD dismisses stress guidelines

By DEBORAH COLCUTT

THE Institute of Directors has claimed that new guidelines designed to protect employees from excessive stress could be counter-productive and threaten jobs.

Ruth Lea, head of the institute's policy unit, said that a document to be issued by the Health and Safety Executive this week reminding companies of their legal responsibility for the health and well-being of their staff was "laughable". "It is impossible to prove whether stress is related to work or something private and it is unrealistic to expect personnel managers to be able to find that out. Just reading the guidelines let alone implementing them will be time-consuming and expensive, especially for the smaller firms and could, ultimately, put jobs at risk."

The executive wants the Government to introduce a statutory code of practice on stress that would make it easier for workers to take civil action against their employers.

A survey by the Health and Safety Executive has shown that half a million Britons suffer illnesses related to stress at work. Jenny Bacon, the organisation's director-general, said: "This is not af-

fecting just senior executives. It is affecting managerial, professional and clerical staff, care workers, nurses and teachers."

There have been no cases of companies being prosecuted for causing stress but Northumberland County Council was ordered by a court to pay £175,000 to a social worker who had had a nervous breakdown, two years ago. Since then, many employers have settled out of court in comparable cases.

Ms Lea says that the guidelines will not stop those whom she calls the "real rogue" employers slipping through the net. "You're never going to catch those guys. Meanwhile, the good organisations which do look after their staff are being penalised. These guidelines are drawn up by bureaucrats

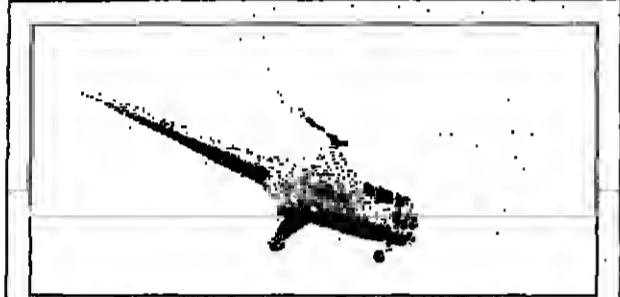
who never think about the practicalities."

A recent survey commissioned by the IoD showed that 45 per cent of employers would think twice before taking on women of child-bearing age if additional legislation on maternity benefits was introduced. "The same will happen if these guidelines become law: employers would perhaps think twice about employing somebody with a previous mental illness where they might otherwise have given them a fresh start."

The HSE guidelines will warn employers: "It's your duty in law to make sure that your employees aren't made ill by their work." Companies are encouraged to be sympathetic towards staff who feel stressed; workers should never be made to feel that being unable to cope is a sign of failure.

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### PICTURE TELLS A FATAL STORY



The helicopter about to crash into the sea off Korea

Moments after this photograph was taken, the Dragonfly helicopter plunged into the sea, killing the pilot and the crewman, (Richard Duce writes). At the time of the crash, during the Korean War in 1953, accident investigators were unable to determine the cause. But the photograph shows that the rotor blade had come off.

Ted Harrison, 61, who took the photograph, was a leading seaman on the destroyer HMS Consort waiting for the helicopter to deliver mail. It was not until several months later on shore leave that Mr Harrison, from Plymouth, developed his film. "I never mentioned it. It was too late and six months later the war had finished."

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## Motorway shuts as gang stone motorists

By RUSSELL JENKINS

POLICE are looking for three teenagers who forced the closure of a motorway by bonking cars with hundreds of bricks and stones from a bridge. Drivers suffered cuts after their windscreens were shattered.

About 300 missiles were thrown from the bridge across the unlit M67 in Hyde, near Manchester, on Sunday night, where the road passes through a built-up area near a large estate.

The motorway was closed for 20 minutes while police and the fire service cleared debris and removed damaged vehicles. A police spokesman said: "Given the quantity of bricks and stones thrown, it is surprising more serious injury was not caused."

"It was all the more dangerous because that stretch of motorway is unlit so the debris would not have been seen."

Matthew Kelly, 14, from Dukinfield, Manchester, had glass removed from an eye after his parents' windscreen was shattered. His father suffered cuts to his arms. Debbie Kelly, his mother, said: "We were screaming with shock. Matthew could have been killed."

A passing motorist said: "I saw 30 cars parked on the hard shoulder. It looked very dramatic." Three teenagers were seen throwing the missiles.

It is the second such incident in the area within a week. Two youths were later arrested after five cars were damaged by stones thrown by youths from a field next to the motorway.

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# Showman finds nothing succeeds like failures

MOST theatre producers like to find new, successful shows. Ian Marshall Fisher goes looking for old flops. Now he is to stage a Baribican revival of a musical that failed so abysmally at its first airing that it has not been fully reconstructed for 70 years.

The idea sounds almost like the plot of *The Producers*, the film comedy about a bad-taste musical that is intended to fail. Indeed, one of the many neglected musicals favoured by Mr Marshall Fisher features a singing, tapdancing Gandhi on hunger strike. And yet his secret is that all his shows were written by some of the greatest names in theatre, and failed originally for reasons that had nothing to do with the quality of the songs.

His latest revival is *George and Ira Gershwin's Strike Up The Band*, which features songs such as *The Man I Love*. It was a dismal failure when it was premiered in 1927 because it is an anti-war comedy. Mr Marshall Fisher said: "The trouble was that most of the audience had lost husbands and sons in the First World War and were horrified."

Barry Cryer and David de Keyser will star in this month's revival of the ridiculous story about Americans going to war with Switzerland over cheese. About a fifth of the show has been neglected over the years. A softened version was attempted in 1930

**Dalya Alberge**  
on new revival  
by a producer  
who provides  
encores for  
box-office flops

merstein "family entertainment" territory.

Mr Marshall Fisher laments how much original material was thrown away at the time: "Writers had no idea their work would be remembered. They thought they were writing for the season."

His Baribican show, followed by a BBC Radio 3 broadcast on September 26, is among events celebrating the 100th anniversary of George Gershwin's birth. Although audiences love musicals, he feels many writers are not providing the quality of the classics. The success of many revivals shows that "the demand is there, but the supply is pretty thin", he says.

"The only person who has been pushing musical theatre forward in the last 30 years is Stephen Sondheim. America this century will be remembered for two things — the Hollywood film and Broadway musical."

and a 1940 film version with Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney had little to do with the original. The complete original manuscript was found by an archivist at a New Jersey warehouse. The Gershwin family provided financial help for the reconstruction on September 18.

Mr Marshall Fisher, 42, a British producer-director, has devoted the past eight years to seeking out and reviving neglected musicals. He laments that no one today writes shows as well as the Gershwins, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein or Irving Berlin: "None of our contemporaries have that style, content, wit and intelligence."

Among works he has unearthed is *As Thousands Cheer* by Berlin and Moss Hart. "In 1933 it was successful but it may have been neglected because it included a politically incorrect passage in which Gandhi tried to improve his publicity ratings during his hunger strike by taking up tapdancing and singing *42nd Street* in his loincloth," he said.

He has a list of about 50 more to track down. Among them are *Love Life* — a 1940s musical by Weill and Alan J. Lerner about a husband and wife who never age over 150 years of increasingly complex American history.

Another is *Pipe Dream*, by John Steinbeck and Rodgers and Hammerstein, which played for six months on Broadway. It was about a brothel keeper, which was not the usual Rodgers and Ham-



Ian Marshall Fisher rehearses *Strike Up The Band*, which bombed in the 1920s

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Musical classics successfully revived recently include: **Carousel:** Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1945 musical was revived in December 1992 at the National Theatre where it did extremely well, playing to 96 per cent capacity for 130 performances. Was described as "the hottest ticket in London". After a West End transfer it went to New York.

**Chicago:** Kander and Ebb's satirical tale of murder, corruption, adultery and treachery. Revived last autumn, starring Uie Lemper and Ruthie Henshall, at the Adelphi in London. Named Best Musical at the London Critics Awards. Sold out every evening since it opened in November.

**Guys and Dolls:** Frank Loesser's musical take on Damon Runyon's world was premiered in New York in 1950. Revived in 1996 by the National.

to acclaim, with Imelda Staunton, above, as Miss Adelaide. **A Little Night Music:** Sondheim musical revived in September 1995 with Dame Judi Dench, who was showered with awards for it. Ran for 211 performances, playing to 90 per cent capacity. Numbers include *Send in the Clowns*, **Oklahoma!** Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, first produced in 1943 and revived in London last month by the National, with Maureen Lipman. *The Times*' review asked whether there had ever been a higher standard of dance in any subsidised theatre. Sold out until the run ends on

October 3. May transfer to West End. **Show Boat:** Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein musical which has been described as one of the greatest all-singing, all-dancing shows of the century. Revived in London last May, at the Prince Edward Theatre, by an American company that had won Tony awards with it on Broadway last year. One critic said of the revival, in which Michel Bell played Joe: "Showboat is a musical that

leaves you feeling better about life while also sending you home with a lump in your throat." Closes on September 19; has taken over £4 million since April.



Zero Mostel and Kenneth Mars in *The Producers*

## Officers in halted trial still in Army

By TIM JONES

SIX army officers who were criticised by a judge after being acquitted of gang rape are still with the service almost a year after the trial.

They have been suspended from duty but are still drawing half-pay. Although Captains Ian Barlow and Philip Bates, Lieutenants Darren Bartlett and Matthew Tupling, and Officer Cadets Nicholas Oettinger and Andrew Stout were acquitted at Oxford Crown Court last October, Judge Julian Hall told them after their trial, which he had halted: "If six men think it is a good idea to have sex with one woman they run the risk of being accused of rape. I think they brought this prosecution on themselves."

The men's reputations were in tatters, and senior army officers expected the men to be quickly discharged. But it was not until last week that two senior army investigating officers visited the woman at home to question her in detail about what had happened.

Officers admit that it is taking a long time to complete the internal investigation. Each of seven people — the six acquitted and a seventh who was not charged — has had to be investigated separately.

The investigation that led to the charges was carried out by the civilian MoD police. Because the six were acquitted the MoD police refused to pass on the paperwork to the military police who had the task of investigating the allegations for a second time to see whether the Army's disciplinary code had been breached. Without the MoD police files, the military police special investigations branch had to begin its own inquiry based on court transcripts.

One senior officer said: "Each of the individuals has legal rights and everything has had to be referred to their lawyers. This is why it is taking such a long time." The men had been accused of raping the woman at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, in May 1996.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Mother shops son aged four

A mother unable to cure her four-year-old son of pillerling took him to the police station where he was given a "severe ticking off" and shown the cells. Sarah Hillson, 22, from Penarth, South Wales, said her son, Roger, became a changed boy. "It may seem a bit harsh but... the message really got through."

A police spokesman said: "We are really happy to support parents like this with instilling values."

### Race accident

A spectator at a Bank Holiday sports car race meeting was killed when a wheel flew off a car during a practice lap. The man, aged 30, was hit by the wheel as people gathered at Castle Coombe circuit, Wiltshire. An inquest is to be held.

### Murder charge

A man aged 19 has been charged with murdering three-month-old Ryan Masters-McDaide, from Birmingham, who died from brain injuries. The man, who has not been named, will appear in court this month.

### Fatal crash

A teenager died and three other passengers were injured when a car crashed into a tree as it drove at high speed around an estate at Firhill, Sheffield. Peter Fletcher, 18, who died from head injuries, was a rear-seat passenger.

### Rock fans flee

Rock fans at the Reading Festival were evacuated from a campsite after a firework set light to five haystacks. Arrests during the festival totalled 64, including 22 for supplying drugs. There were 160 reported thefts and four robberies.

### On the run

Burglars who broke into a flat belonging to Paul Simmons in Banbury, Oxfordshire, got away with a bag of prunes and two bottles of home-made prune wine while ignoring a video recorder, computer, printer and television.

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# IRA statement a PR ploy, say Unionists

### Martin Fletcher reports on reaction to republicans' condemnation of the Omagh bombing by Real IRA

A STATEMENT by the IRA condemning the Omagh bomb, demanding the Real IRA's disbandment and admitting the executions of the so-called "disappeared" was dismissed by Unionists yesterday.

They pointed out that it rejected decommissioning and offered no confirmation that the war was over. They called it a public relations ploy ahead of President Clinton's visit and said it did nothing to facilitate Sinn Fein's inclusion in Northern Ireland's new government this autumn.

The IRA's call was welcomed by Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, but she regretted that the statement offered no

movement on disarmament. David Trimble, Northern Ireland's First Minister, said: "It is simply not good enough that the republican movement should expressly refuse to say that the war is over and that they are refusing to meet their obligations under the (Good Friday) agreement."

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist Party's security spokesman, said the statement, issued late on Sunday night, was "about the ownership and control of militant republicanism". Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party's justice spokesman, condemned its "sheer

hypocrisy". It was being "lauded as a peace statement, but there is an implicit threat to the Real IRA that if they don't disband they will be sorted out in the usual manner of a bullet behind the ear".

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, welcomed the statement's "positive tone". Another Sinn Fein official characterised it as "an attempt to be helpful". He highlighted its support for the peace process, claiming that Unionists were simply trying to stall with their demands for disarmament and "war-is-over" statements.

The statement also received a

cautious welcome from Seamus McKendry, a spokesman for Families of the Disappeared, whose mother-in-law was abducted by the IRA in 1972 after she comforted a wounded British soldier.

He accepted the IRA might be "hazy" about the precise locations of bodies buried more than 20 years ago but urged it to pass whatever information it had to the RUC with its state-of-the-art equipment for recovering lost bodies. The families were not seeking prosecutions, he said. He said Sinn Fein and the IRA could do more to find the graves but had finally

realised that "you can't go down the democratic path with hidden bodies in your baggage".

At least a dozen people were spirited away during the 1970s for "offences" ranging from informing to petty theft and their bodies were allegedly disposed of in fields and building sites. Most were ordinary Roman Catholics but one was Robert Nairac, an SAS captain captured while working undercover in South Armagh in 1977.

The statement came in the form of an interview with an IRA "spokesperson" to be published in *An Phoblach*, the republican

newspaper, on Thursday. Unionists claimed it was released early to relieve the pressure on the IRA before President Clinton's visit but republican sources suggested the timing was designed primarily to deepen the rifts within the Real IRA as it debates whether to call a permanent ceasefire.

The statement said the Omagh bomb was aimed "at the peace process in general, and at Sinn Fein's peace strategy in particular". The result was a human disaster that had damaged the republican cause. The Real IRA "should disband and they should do so

sooner rather than later". The spokesman ruled out decommissioning but insisted the IRA shared "the desire of the vast majority of Irish people to see the Good Friday document deliver on its potential".

He admitted the IRA had caused "incalculable anguish and pain" by executing and burying some of the "disappeared" and said a special unit had been working since last autumn to trace the bodies. The families would be notified immediately of the results.

John McNamara, 36, a builder, was remanded in custody by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday on a charge connected with an attempt by the Real IRA to bomb the Grand National in April.

## Disappeared, presumed dead

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THERE may be scores of "disappeared" whose families dare not speak out, or cling to the illusion that their loved ones were exiled. The known "disappeared" are:

□ Jean McConville, a widowed mother of ten children who was abducted from her West Belfast flat in 1972 after she had comforted a dying British soldier.

□ Seamus Wright and Kevin McKee, executed in 1972 for being informers. The deaths were kept secret because they were from prominent republican families in West Belfast. They are believed to be buried in fields in South Armagh.

McKee's execution was allegedly witnessed by a priest who administered the last rites.

□ John Mellroy and Seamus Wright, suspected informers from Andersonstown in West Belfast who disappeared on their way to work in 1974.

□ Columba McVeigh, a 17-year-old from Dungannon in Co Tyrone, abducted and killed in 1975 for suspected collaboration with security forces.

□ John McClory, 18, and Brian McKinney, 22, petty criminals from Andersonstown, were abducted from work in 1978.

□ Gerald Evans, an unemployed painter from staunchly republican Crossmaglen in South Armagh, who did not toe the IRA's line. He was last seen hitch-hiking home from Castleblaney.

□ Charlie Armstrong, Evans's 55-year-old neighbour in Crossmaglen, left to collect a friend for Mass one Sunday in 1980 and was never seen again.

□ Eugene Simmons, 23, left a New Year's party in Castlewells, Co Down, in 1981 with a group of men. Three years later a man walking a dog found his body in a bog with a bullet hole in the temple. He was a suspected informer.

## New laws will target homes of bombers

By NICHOLAS WATT, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

POLICE on both sides of the Irish border will be given powers to seize the financial assets of terrorists outside the peace process under the emergency legislation to be rushed through the British and Irish parliaments this week.

Republicans who planted the Omagh bomb could lose their houses if police can prove that they were used in the preparation of the bombing. The measure, which is to be included in the anti-terrorist Bill that will be published in draft form this afternoon, is designed to close a loophole in the law that gives police the power to seize the assets of drug dealers but not of terrorists.

Four dissident terrorist groups will be listed in the Bill, which is to be piloted through Parliament tomorrow and on Thursday. Members of the Real IRA, the Community IRA, the Irish National Liberation Army and the Loyalist Volunteer Force could be jailed for up to ten years for membership of a terrorist organisation on the word of a senior police officer. The Bill does not list terrorist groups such as the IRA whose political wings signed up to the Good Friday agreement.

Downing Street moved yesterday to head off a backbench revolt from Labour MPs who are concerned that rushing through legislation is a knee-jerk reaction. Tony Blair wrote to every Labour MP explaining that the measures were carefully designed to crack down on dissident terrorists who want to wreck the peace process.

A Downing Street spokesman also made clear that terrorist suspects could not be convicted solely on the word of a police officer. Judges in Ulster's non-jury courts will consider other evidence.



President Clinton with Mike Sullivan, his choice for Ambassador to Ireland, in 1995

## Clinton chooses friend in stetson as Dublin envoy

By OUR CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER governor of Wyoming who has never set foot in Ireland has been nominated by President Clinton as America's Ambassador to Dublin.

Mr Clinton, who will visit the Irish capital on Friday, chose his friend Mike Sullivan, a Roman Catholic of Irish descent, to replace Jean Kennedy Smith over several better-known Irish-Americans with more obvious interest in Irish affairs.

Mr Sullivan, 58, whose nomination must be approved by the Senate foreign affairs committee, was one of the first governors to back Mr Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign, but at Mr Clinton's request he stood down to run for the Senate in 1994 and was defeated in that year's Republican landslide. He has insisted he did not ask for the Dublin post and that Mr Clinton "knows he doesn't owe me anything".

Mr Sullivan, who is recuperating after major surgery,

is a popular lawyer from Casper, Wyoming, who won the governorship in 1986 in his first political campaign and was handsomely re-elected in 1990. He intends to wear his stetson cowboy hat in Dublin because, he says, "I would be lost without having it around".

Mrs Kennedy Smith leaves her post next month after five controversial years during which she used her influence with the President to win concessions for Sinn Fein that infuriated London.

Mr Sullivan will also have access to the President but acknowledged Mrs Kennedy Smith would be a hard act to follow. "I followed some of her accomplishments and I understand how difficult that will be but I think that's to her credit and I will just do the very best I can," he said.

"I'm there to move the interests of this country forward and the interests of Ireland forward and hopefully I'm up to that."

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# Serbs' guns rain death on Kosovo forest of refuge

THERE are brains and babies' booties lying on the forest floor outside Senik; a human scalp, locks of hair and gore in the shrapnel-torn trees.

"We knew that the Serbs might shell our village and enter it to loot and burn," said Jakup Zulfaj as he halted his search for the missing corpse of a 13-month-old child, "but we thought that we would be safe in the forest and that they would not attack the civilians."

Twenty-eight miles south-west of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, the Albanians of Senik, their numbers swollen to more than 4,000 by an influx of refugees from more than 30 other villages, paid dearly for their presumption of sanctuary in the woodland beyond their homes.

Having first shelled their houses last Thursday, a column of Serb troops took up position on a ridge overlooking a crucible-shaped valley on the outskirts of the village. It was packed with civilians who had fled there three days earlier when they first noticed armoured vehicles gathering at an agricultural airfield across a distant plain.

The Serbs shelled the valley in a leisurely fashion throughout the afternoon, the night and the following morning.

Aside from the human remains pasted up and down the slopes, the moments of terrified pandemonium that followed the first incoming Serb shells are still visible in the charred panoply of strewn clothing and shoes, shredded sacks of flour and burnt-out tractors, metal melted by the heat of phosphorous grenades



**Albanian women and children are being targeted by Belgrade's heavily armed forces, reports Anthony Loyd from Senik**

used by the infantry that on Friday walked down from the ridge to follow up the bombardment by destroying anything and everything that was left. Every single vehicle and cart packed with household belongings and supplies to ensure the survival of the villagers, many of whom were on the move for the third or fourth time since the conflict began in the spring, was destroyed.

Seventeen people perished. The youngest was a two-week-old baby, the oldest a 75-year-old woman. The 47 wounded that have so far been accounted for include, according to a witness, a mother whose hands were blown off when the child she was cradling was killed in her arms.

The accounts from survivors come from a time of absolute horror. "When the mortars started falling I was on a slope with my family," said Fatima Ramaj, 48, who lost eight of her immediate family in the onslaught. "I saw my grandson sprawled on the ground without his head. We hid under the tractors, but they too were being hit with bullets and shrapnel."

Lying beneath a dirty blanket beside his seven-year-old brother, who like him has been wounded in the head, Blerim, a boy of 13, is among those who are still in shock at losing members of their fam-

ilies. "Our fortune was to live," he said without conviction, his eyes full of shock and grief. "but my mother and sister died."

A bleak fatalism has settled on Senik. Sandwiched between Serbian police and army units who control the roads and surrounding hills, its people have returned to their homes as they feel they have only two choices. "How can the Serbs not return here?" asked Ragip Zekolli. "There is no escape for us now. The weather has been bad and the rains have come. It would be hard for us to flee now. It is better to die in our homes than in the forest."



Workers in Berlin install a photograph showing East German border guards during the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961. The picture is one of 22 to be hung around the Potsdamer Platz in the run-up to the opening of a new business centre there

# East German coach guilty of giving swimmers steroids

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ONE of the top swimming coaches in East Germany was yesterday found guilty of administering performance-enhancing drugs to young female athletes. Rolf Gläser, 58, only received a fine of £2,400 but the verdict is regarded as a breakthrough for prosecutors who are trying to unravel the steroid training methods used to make East Germany a major sporting power.

Gläser, 58, confessed during the trial, enabling the prosecutor to drop demands for a prison term. The coach, who headed Austria's team for the world championships this year, has been told that the conviction would mean the loss of his job.

Dr Dieter Binus, 59, who worked with Gläser as club doctor at SC Dynamo, an elite club sponsored by the Interior Ministry, was yesterday fined £3,000.

Both men were among the first to try out the blue pills concocted by the chemists of the Leipzig Institute of Physical Culture and Sport. These growth hormones were swallowed by swimmers as young

as 12 as part of a programme to strengthen their upper body muscles.

The prosecutor has now established the principle that a coach supervising an underage athlete has to shoulder legal responsibility even if he or she is just implementing a policy agreed at highest levels.



Binus: club doctor who was fined £3,000

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## WORLD SUMMARY Cantonese replaces English

**Hong Kong:** Most children returning to school here today face lessons in a different language. (Jill McGivering writes).

A new government ruling means that three out of four secondary schools will now teach solely in Cantonese, the Chinese dialect used by most of the population. Previously most secondary schoolchildren were taught in English.

When the move was announced last year, many schools launched appeals, but only 114 of more than 400 were successful.

## Floods strand ten million

**Dhaka:** More than ten million people stranded by floods throughout Bangladesh are in need of immediate supplies if they are to survive. The International Red Cross in Geneva has said. The United Nations has supported the country's appeal for hundreds of millions of dollars of outside aid to cope with the two-month crisis in which 500 people have died, 84 from epidemics in the overcrowded refugee shelters.

## Threats close US embassies

**Accra:** The United States closed its embassies in the West African nations of Ghana and Togo because of security threats, officials said. They also advised the public to steer clear of official American facilities in Ghana. Security had already been tightened in Accra after the August 7 bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 258 people. (AP)

## Cyprus offered two-state deal

**Nicosia:** Rauf Denktaş, the Turkish Cypriot leader, has called on Greek Cypriots to accept a confederation of two states on Cyprus as the only way to solve the island's long-running problem (Michael Theodorou writes). The offer marked a radical departure from the United Nations-sponsored federal solution.



## Diggers find home of Polo 'the liar'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

RESTORATION work on a theatre near the Rialto Bridge in Venice has uncovered what is believed to be the 13th-century house of Marco Polo.

The discovery was made during renovation of the 17th-century Malibran Theatre. Antonio Foscarini, the architect in charge of the project, said it was a Venetian tradition that the house of Marco Polo, the celebrated 13th-century traveller and spinner of far-fetched tales, was "somewhere in the area."

"Gondoliers often point out a small house next to the Malibran Theatre as Marco Polo's," he said. "The oral tradition turns out to be broadly correct, but our evidence is that it was a substantial building, and that its remains lie beneath the present theatre." Signor Foscarini said workers had found a courtyard with a well at its centre, storehouses and the ruins of a colonnaded arcade. Deeper down they dug up artefacts dating from the Roman era.

The whereabouts of the Polo family house have long been the subject of speculation, with attention focusing on the Corte del Milione, a complex of connecting courtyards and palaces on the intersection of two small canals, the San Giovanni Crisostomo and the Santa Marina. The name Corte del Milione derives from Marco Polo's unkind nickname, "Polo of the Million Lies".

The Polo family were well-known merchants in 13th-century Venice, and Marco's journeys in Central Asia and the Far East between 1271 and 1295 eventually led to publication of *The Travels of Marco Polo*.

Signor Foscarini said the uncovered foundations are consistent with Marco Polo's will, which reveals him to have been a "man of substantial means, though not fabulously wealthy". Officials said the restoration work would be suspended while excavations continue.

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# Duma plays Russian roulette with Yeltsin

THE Russian parliament's overwhelming rejection of Viktor Chernomyrdin's nomination as Prime Minister yesterday threatened to prolong the current political crisis for another fortnight and to do further damage to the country's already badly weakened economy.

As members of the Duma, the lower house of the parliament, took it in turns to savage Mr Chernomyrdin's record in office and to repeat calls for President Yeltsin to be dismissed, Russians resigned themselves to yet another protract-

## ANALYSIS By Richard Beston

ed power struggle between the executive and the legislature. Under Russia's Constitution, the President can nominate a candidate for Prime Minister who must then be approved by both houses of the parliament. The Duma, dominated by Communist and nationalist factions, has traditionally caused the Kremlin the most trouble. However, if the lower

house does not approve a candidate by the third vote, parliament is immediately dissolved and fresh elections are called.

Only five months ago there were similar scenes in the debating chamber when the nomination of Sergei Kiriyenko was widely rejected and his nomination process dragged out for three weeks until he won his majority on the final vote.

Although his policies did not change, many parliamentarians switched their votes, partly because of the "sweeteners" offered by

Kremlin lobbyists, but also because most members feared that they would lose their seats if they were forced to go to the polls early.

The conventional wisdom in Russia today is that the country is being treated to a similar bout of political theatrics — with one critical difference. In April a delay of a few weeks in forming the Government did not matter; now, however, every minute lost could hurt the country's economy.

"The message we are trying to get across to the Russians is that stability is vitally important for

defending the economy," a Western diplomat said. "They have to move quickly to form a Government, choose an economic team and set out policies."

The timing is particularly important since the next tranche of International Monetary Fund loans, worth \$4.3 billion (£2.5 billion), is due to be transferred by the middle of the month, that is, at the same time that the final round of voting on Mr Chernomyrdin's candidacy would be due.

The purpose of the Duma's delaying tactic is twofold. The

longer the delay, the greater the concessions its members can squeeze out of the Kremlin, which at the weekend already offered to transfer to parliament presidential powers in selecting some members of the Cabinet.

The alternative for the Duma is to drag out the battle as long as possible to hamper the functioning of the Government and hope that the worsening economic situation will provoke a fresh crisis, possibly leading to government reshuffles, civil strife or the ultimate prize — the toppling of Mr Yeltsin.

The last could be a high-risk option, however, since he has made it clear that he intends to see out his term in office until 2000. And some members of the current parliament remember only too well what happened the last time they challenged the Kremlin leader, in October 1993 — he used tanks to smash their uprising.

The Russian leader may be older, sicker and weaker, but he still has political cunning and remains a match for any of the parliamentary leaders who took part in yesterday's debate.

## Financial turmoil wrecks havoc on new middle class

WHILE Russia's super-rich have their money safely in foreign bank accounts, and the very poor have for so long relied on the barter system that the value of the rouble scarcely affects them, the emerging middle class has been hardest hit by the country's financial crisis.

These are the people — teachers, lawyers, economists, accountants and the like — who, after having their modest Soviet-era incomes wiped out by the hyperinflation of 1991-1992, have spent the past six years adapting to the new conditions.

In some cases they have managed not merely to survive but to benefit, reaching

Hard-won riches were held in 'safe'

rouble accounts,

Robin Lodge in Moscow reports

levels of affluence unthinkable in the old days. On summer evenings they are particularly visible. The parks are full of well-dressed families, the children weaving through the crowds on shiny in-line skates or mountain bikes, the parents proudly filming their activities

on flashy Japanese camcorders. Everything they wear and almost everything they eat and drink is imported. Their flats are filled with Italian furniture; they watch foreign videos on their imported television sets. Once or twice a year they holiday abroad.

These are not the mafia rich; they are simply people who seized the opportunity created by the free market to work hard and make money. There are not very many of them and they are to be found only in the bigger cities; most are in Moscow.

They are still too few to have political power or influence over government policy, but this does not mean they are unimportant. On the contrary, their very existence has been one of the Yeltsin era's few successes.

Until the rouble fell, their future seemed secure, and it was no longer crucial to convert every pay packet into dollars and then change it back as you needed it. The dubious pyramid schemes and shaky investment houses had apparently all collapsed. The surviving banks were, it seemed, safe places to put your money, and could moreover provide plastic cards for convenient shopping and cash withdrawals.

Suddenly, they find their savings locked away in rouble accounts which have already lost half their real value. Those running small businesses, in



Viktor Chernomyrdin addressing the lower house of parliament yesterday before it overwhelmingly rejected him as Prime Minister

almost every case involving imported goods, find their supply costs have rocketed and many will go under. Those planning a late summer holiday in the Mediterranean will have to make do with autumnal walks at the dacha — that is, if they can take time off at all.

Andrei Tarasov had worked for ten years as a skilled fitter on the ZIL lorry assembly line when he decided in 1994 to give it all up and go into business. The previous year he had taken the train to Berlin and bought himself a second-hand Volkswagen Golf. Back in Moscow he sold it for twice what he paid for it. Two trips a month and he would be making serious money, even after the necessary payments to

avoid the extremes of import duties.

The scheme was a huge success. Last year Mr Tarasov bought a bigger flat, closer to the city centre, a second car for Lyudmila, his wife, and pri-

won't find anyone to sell to," he said. He is luckier than many, since he can afford to weather the crisis for a few weeks.

Others are more concerned about their immediate needs.

**‘These are not mafia rich; they are simply people who seized the chance to work hard and make money’**

vate English lessons for Tanya, his daughter, aged eight. The family went on a two-week holiday to a luxury hotel in the United Arab Emirates. Now he is in despair. "I can't get the money out to go on another trip, and even if I do I

Raisa Burakova has an official job teaching English at a Moscow institute for which she is paid a pittance. Her main income comes from private lessons, in particular to the staff of a large foreign company. The company, how-

ever, insisted on paying into a bank account — and to make matters simpler, she put her other savings into the same account. Two weeks ago she agreed to pay a builder 3,000 roubles to decorate her flat. Now he is demanding 5,000. By the time she can get her money out, probably after another two weeks, the price could be even higher.

If the Russian Government can somehow draw up a credible plan to rescue the rouble and restore some confidence in the economy, the new middle class might just survive. But for many it will mean starting all over again.

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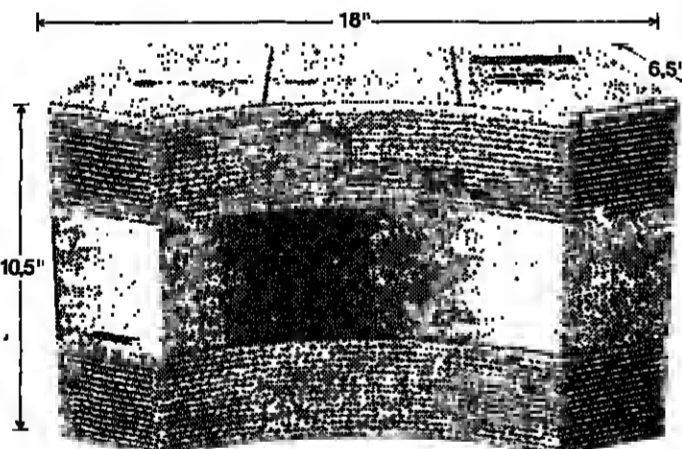
### Rouble falls on the Big Mac Index



Moscow The Big Mac Index — a closely watched economic statistic — showed yesterday that the rouble really is in crisis. McDonald's restaurants in Moscow, which kept a rate of 13 roubles to the Big Mac even as the currency's value, against the US dollar, evaporated last week, have raised the cost to 15.50 roubles. The Economist tracks the price of the Big Mac worldwide as a way of comparing exchange rates in a theory, it has dubbed 'Burgonomics'. Those with dollars were still ahead. Two weeks ago a burger cost 12 roubles, more than 22% at an unofficial street rate of about 10 roubles. A Big Mac now does for only \$1.55 (Reuters).

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## Vacuum at top leaves little to do but polish images

By Robin Lodge

### SUMMIT

THE State Duma's rejection of Viktor Chernomyrdin means President Yeltsin will have no good news for President Clinton when he arrives in Moscow today. It will also leave the American side rather short of people to talk to during the two-day summit.

Both leaders are hoping to gain from the visit. For Mr Clinton, it is a welcome distraction from the Monica Lewinsky scandal and a chance to display his statesmanly abilities. For Mr Yeltsin, the talks are an opportunity to show that he is still in charge and recognised as such by the leader of the most powerful country in the world.

Konstantin Zatulin, director of the Institute for Studies on CIS Countries, told the Interfax news agency that he believed both Presidents would use the summit to improve their images and strengthen their positions. "Clinton, whose image has

recently become associated with easy flirtation, will show concern and Americans will see him as a kind of strict controller of democracy in Russia," he said. "For Yeltsin, the meeting will be a certification that the heads of leading powers still consider him the President."

Had he been able to secure Mr Chernomyrdin's appointment, Mr Yeltsin would have been able to claim that Russia had taken at least one step back from the brink of disaster. Even without any decisive action on the economic front, the easing of the political crisis would have helped to calm the fears about the country's future.

As it is, it will be hard for Mr Clinton to find anyone in Moscow qualified to give him the assurances he is looking for that Russia will keep to the austerity policies advocated by the International Monetary

Fund and not go back on market reforms.

In the absence of a Prime Minister or a Government, no official working in an acting capacity is in a position to state what Russia's policy will be. Even Mr Yeltsin, who has come close to giving up some of his powers to parliament to get Mr Chernomyrdin's appointment through the Duma, has his hands tied.

Mr Chernomyrdin is highly respected in Washington as an experienced politician who survived for six years, but US officials will be concerned that any deal with the Duma will involve abandoning some of the pro-market principles that have held sway throughout his tenure.

Diplomats said yesterday they were not looking for any breakthroughs or major agreements. It will be more a summit of photo-opportunities than substance. For Mr Yeltsin, that makes it no less important. Any show of support can only benefit him.

## Lebed warning on 'restless' military

By Richard Beston

ALEKSANDR LEBED, the presidential hopeful and Governor of Krasnoyarsk, yesterday came to the defence of Viktor Chernomyrdin, saying the embattled acting Prime Minister was the only man capable of halting Russia's slide into chaos.

### OPPOSITION

In the latest sign of an informal alliance between the former army general and the veteran Prime Minister, Mr Lebed gave a warning that the military was restless and the Government on the verge of collapse.

"The Government could collapse in 24 hours. Everyone is fed up," the outspoken former Afghan War veteran told *Le Figaro*, the French newspaper. "Chernomyrdin has a tiny chance to slow down the collapse, but he has a chance. The others don't."



Lebed: support for the acting Prime Minister


## America refuses to show panic

Washington: The United States reacted with studied calm to the Russian parliament's refusal to confirm Viktor Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister, adding further uncertainty as President Clinton arrived in Moscow for talks (Brown Maddox writes).

The Duma's action was a matter of internal deliberations, said a US official, "and we don't comment on another country's internal affairs". It was in accord with the Russian constitution and "reflects the reform process".

President Clinton promised again that, if Russia struggled back to the path of economic reform, the US would support it. Speaking to students at his last public meeting in America before the three-day Moscow summit, he said: "We have an obligation to help them and it is in our interests to help them." The US was concerned about the fate of Russia's nuclear weapons.

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# Australian parties sound racist alarm

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY



John Howard: fears gains by One Nation

FOUR former Australian Prime Ministers moved to quell the growing influence of Pauline Hanson's One Nation party yesterday by signing an open letter urging voters not to support racist candidates in next month's general election, which was called on Sunday by the Prime Minister, John Howard.

In an expression of concern at the maverick politician's groundswell of popular support in recent months, the three former Labor leaders and one Liberal warned Australians of the "unmitigated evil" of racism and urged them to put One Nation candidates last on the ballot paper on October 3.

The former Liberal Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, and Labor's Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke and Paul Keating said racism was destructive and had no place in a multicultural society. "It is immoral," they said. "It does Australia significant harm through Asia and in the wider world."

"We know politicians often need to adjust policy to take into account differing views. Racism, however, is a different matter, it is beyond

compromise." They said that once racism became part of the body politic it would grow in a violent and tragic manner.

Last night Mr Hawke said it was time for Ms Hanson to be put back where she belonged — "in the backwaters". He said: "We hoped that Australians would see that we weren't seeking to advance any partisan cause, but to ask Australians to realise they would be doing a great disservice to their country if they were to give any support to Ms Hanson and One Nation."

But the woman whose policies have seemingly united all her political foes was not impressed by her critics, whom she branded a "bunch of has-beens". She said: "Too many people in politics and former Prime Ministers have looked after themselves for far too long. They've forgotten about the real reasons why they were voted in. My main concern is for Australia and for the Australian people."

In truth, the woman the other political parties love to hate could not be happier with all the criticism. Such controversy in the run-up to

the election is just what the former fish-and-chip shop owner wants. The more violent the protests against her, the greater the sympathy from the electorate.

Yesterday she published her election itinerary, and with the television news dominated by images of students and left-wing activists trying to prevent freedom of speech at her nightly rallies, Ms Hanson will capitalise on the "fair go" principle beloved of most Australians.

As her senior adviser, David Oldfield, put it: "Australians don't like to see fellow Australians being treated like that, they think our country is in the hands of ruffians and anarchists."

Ms Hanson's first big day will be on Thursday, when the party reveals its taxation package. At this stage she has also ruled out making a deal with any of the main parties.

But there is little doubt the big players will be forced to deal with her if she wins the balance of power. "They know very well that in the end they will have to work with us," Mr Oldfield predicted.



Pauline Hanson: shrugged off "has-beens"

# Missile tested by North Koreans

Washington: US and Japanese officials expressed dismay last night after North Korea test-fired a new missile, the second stage of which flew across northeast Japan and fell in the Pacific (an Brodie writes). The first stage fell into waters between Japan and Russia.

Madeline Albright, the US Secretary of State, who was visiting Sarajevo, said she was alarmed by the test launch. She promised the US delegation would raise the issue with the North Koreans at talks under way in New York.

Indicating its displeasure, Japan refused to back a long-planned agreement to help with funds for two reactors to provide nuclear energy for North Korea. "We see this as a very dangerous act," said Hiromu Nonaka, chief government spokesman in Tokyo.

It was North Korea's first test-firing for five years and only the fourth since 1984. The unarmed missile was a new Daepodong I, with a maximum range of 1,240 miles, twice the range of its predecessor.

# Lewinsky ready to sell her story for 'no less than \$10m'

FROM IAN BRIDIE IN WASHINGTON

MONICA LEWINSKY is apparently ready to tell all about her trysts with President Clinton — but only at a price.

According to one account Marcia Lewis, her mother, has persuaded her that her story is worth \$10 million (£6 million) and that she should not accept anything less. The New York Post reports that her collaborator would be Ms Lewis herself. She is a former Beverly Hills gossip writer and author of a kiss-and-tell about the Three Tenors.

Ms Lewinsky, 25, has complained of being hard up since the scandal broke last January and of relying on hand-outs from her divorced parents.

New York publishers have scoffed at the sum offered for her book. Nobody has ever been given such a big advance, and Ms Lewinsky is not about to become the first, said Judith Regan, head of Regan Books. She denied a report that she had offered Ms Lewinsky \$2 million for a book, but conceded that she was very interested in hearing what she had to say, before making any offer.

One reason publishers may not be interested in paying astronomical sums is Ms Lewinsky's low approval rating with the American public,

Ms Regan said. Her book must be more than an account of sex romps in the White House by an "immature groupie". It would need her reflections on redeeming herself and a feel for how she sees her place in history.

Ms Regan thought it would be a mistake for Ms Lewinsky's mother to be involved in the writing, because no mother could interview her daughter about her sex life with the candour the book would require, adding: "She must have a serious ghost writer." Ms Regan's organisation is a division of HarperCollins Publishers, part of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times.

Yesterday's flurry of reports was started by The New Yorker, which claimed that an undisclosed publisher had faxed Ms Lewinsky an offer of \$6 million. If true, that would match the highest advance for a single book by an American author, which was paid to General Colin Powell, whose autobiography My American Journey was a bestseller.

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# Have we finally reached the limit of life?

The first study of premature babies could help parents. Anjana Ahuja reports

Baby Emma (not her real name) will not be leaving Homerton Hospital, a vast modern building in East London, for quite some time. Born last week weighing less than a bag of sugar, she is one of the newest residents of its special care baby unit. Doctors do not know if this scrap of humanity, whose limp body shudders with every breath, will live. Her eyes are fused, her skin is translucent and she could almost be held in the hand. She looks more like a newly born kitten than a baby teetering between life and death.

Doctors can only guess at her chances of surviving; her parents can only hope that their child will be one of the fortunate ones. The problem is, nobody really knows how lucky Emma will have to be to pull through. There are no solid statistics to prop up a doctor's predictions or temper parents' expectations — and even after initial survival, parents do not know whether their child will go on to develop a major disability.

This heart-breaking state of uncertainty looks set to change with the publication of the first nationwide study to gauge the survival rate of the most premature babies. Co-ordinated by some of the country's most respected paediatricians, the first findings from the EPICure study will be presented next Monday at a conference organised by the charity, Tommy's Campaign, to mark National Pregnancy Week.

The report shows that while most premature babies will make it, those at the "limit of viability", under 26 weeks old at birth, have a bleaker future than experts believed. "For babies below 24 weeks old the survival figures are lower than a lot of my colleagues thought," says Kate Costelloe, Professor of Paediatrics at St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry and consultant neonatal paediatrician at Homerton, who chaired the steering committee on the study and will present it.

The results should be used, she suggests, to provide more information to parents and to guide planning of high-risk maternity services. In future, it may be appropriate to centralise care of the most premature babies to test whether medical science has reached its limits here or whether ultra-specialised care could give them a better chance.

Normal gestation is 40 weeks; birth at or before 37 weeks is defined by the World Health Organisation as premature. However, the babies at greatest risk are those born before 26 weeks' gestation. All such infants born in the UK and Ireland between March and December 1995 were scruti-



A question of survival: Professor Kate Costelloe, of St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry, with a premature infant in a special care baby unit

ned for the study. Of more than 4,000 births of babies under 26 weeks, 837 were offered intensive care. The rest were either stillborn, failed to respond to resuscitation or deemed to be beyond help. Of those 837 babies, 315 survived. However, there was a marked difference for babies born before 24 weeks and those at 25 weeks. Fewer than one in five babies under 24 weeks old survived, whereas more than half of those born after at least one additional week's gestation pulled through.

The manner is complicated by the fact that the decisions about which babies are viable are shaped not by national guidelines but are left to doctors in consultation with parents. Paediatricians will assess the baby's chances of living before placing him or her in intensive care (gestation, birth-weight and responsiveness are important predictors of survival). Fewer live-born 23-week-old babies will be offered care than 25-week-old infants

'Parents are surprised when we can't do more'

ports of "miracle babies". "I think that having a premature baby in a special care baby unit is one of the most distressing things that can happen to you," says Professor Costelloe, who has two grown-up children. "A lot of parents are surprised when we cannot do more for their child. The thing is, you don't hear about the ones that don't make it. Then the parents feel let down because their baby didn't receive masses of intensive care.

On the other hand, some parents are terrified that, if we salvage their baby, it will have terrible problems. I think most parents want to feel their child was given a chance."

She says that of those babies born alive at 25 weeks more than 90 per cent are given the chance of life. The EPICure study, funded by Sero Laboratories (UK) Ltd, a pharmaceutical company, and Baby Life Support Systems (Bliss), the baby charity, is still continuing because paediatricians want to look at how survivors fare until they reach two-and-a-half. This follow-up will be led by Professor Neil Marlow, from the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham.

There is already preliminary data at one year after discharge. Within a year, five of the 315 survivors had died and only 32 were found to be completely healthy. Eighty-seven had some form of major disability, defined as developmental delay (missing milestones), signs of cerebral palsy

or oxygen dependency. Fourteen are thought to be blind, and five are deaf.

"It's important to not over-interpret the one-year findings, as it's a difficult age for assessing neurological development," Professor Costelloe says. "We must try to identify factors at birth that could have told us which children were going to have problems later."

The low survival rates mean that the NHS is wasting money on trying to save these lives. It costs about £1,000 per day to keep a baby in intensive care, dropping to £200 thereafter. "I hope people don't say we shouldn't be trying to save them and it isn't a sensible way of using money. If we stopped resuscitating babies, it would not make an enormous difference to our budgets. The study should be a starting point for more investigations. If people's perceptions

are that these outcomes are not good, we must try to work out what makes some babies do better than others."

Although the study exposes differences in attitude between doctors when it comes to admitting premature babies into intensive care, Professor Costelloe thinks national guidelines would not be a good idea. For example, gestational age, the most important predictor of survival, is sometimes underestimated — a baby may not be as premature as is thought. "There is an opinion that guidelines would be a good thing, but these protect doctors who are feeling vulnerable rather than parents or babies. There would also be so many ifs and buts that the guidelines would become restrictive. We should be strong enough to cope with our own decisions."

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As with trees, so with patients with cardiovascular disease. Heart attacks, or strokes, are all too frequently brought on by stress, from extremes of temperature for instance. In human medicine the equivalent of the gales which bring the trees down are such things as sudden exertion, running for a train or flight for instance, or deep emotion, whether grief, rage or fear. Many heart attacks have been induced by road accidents, or even near-misses, and others have been caused by criminal assault.

It would be a foolishly optimistic woodman who assessed his trees only in high summer, and always worked on the assumption that they would never have to withstand a winter gale. However, in one aspect of the treatment of cardiovascular disease, in recording blood pressure, this is just what doctors may have been advocating for years. The accepted teaching is

tenso, been too readily disregarded?

There have been well-substantiated reports that patients who have white-coat hypertension when younger are more prone to develop persistent high blood pressure later, and with it the dangers of heart disease and strokes. It is known that they need especially careful monitoring as the years pass.

The *British Medical Journal* has recently reported on a long and very detailed study by German cardiologists on the changes in structure, and function, of the heart in patients who had white-coat hypertension. It transpires that fear of the doctor, and the reaction of the blood pressure to it, may be quite a good guide as to how the heart deals with intermittent rises in blood pressure as the result of nervousness or, as the authors describe it, mild stress.

About 10 per cent of the public have white-coat hypertension and it is more common in men. Research workers have shown that people with the condition have appreciably enlarged and more muscular hearts; in medical parlance they have left ventricular hypertrophy. These changes in the structure of the heart were associated with changes in the heart function. Previous research has shown that when high blood pressure is associated with left ventricular hypertrophy (the left ventricle is the main pumping chamber of the heart), there is an increased incidence of heart attacks.

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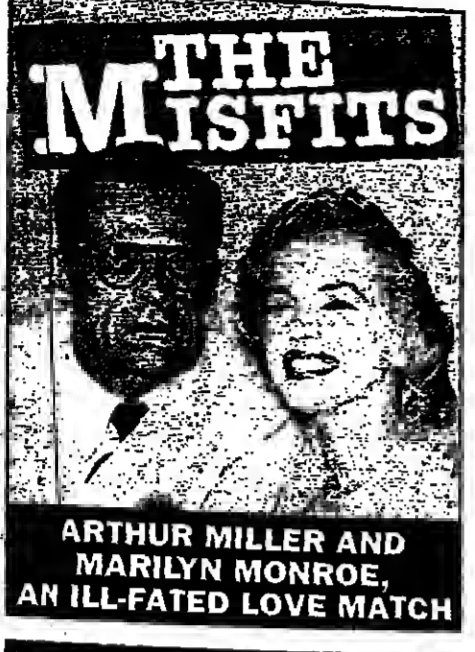
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# How Marilyn hooked Miller



What made the incarnation of sexuality fall in love with the cerebral playwright? In the first extract from her new book **Barbara Leaming** reveals the remarkable secrets of Miller's notebooks

Miller in his Connecticut workshop in June 1956, a month before the wedding

It was January 1951. Elia Kazan — then probably the most powerful director in America — and the playwright Arthur Miller were in Los Angeles to set up the first film together. Kazan took Miller to the set of *As You Like It* to see a girl he had heard about. Before Miller and Kazan actually saw her, they heard her name. "Marilyn" an assistant shouted excitedly. The 24-year-old actress was forever disappearing from the set. Worse, when she returned, her eyes were swollen from crying, making it difficult to film her. She appeared at last, her skin-tight black dress disclosing a body perfect even by Hollywood standards. She had blue-grey eyes, a turned-up nose and luminous white skin. She wore her blonde hair pinned on top of her head.

Miller and Kazan watched her struggle through a scene. Between takes, she fled to a dark, deserted sound stage littered with office furniture. When Kazan caught up with her he found her in tears. She returned for another take. Miller looked on as Kazan asked her to dinner. Marilyn said no, and then went off to the studio cafeteria.

to lose everything, the important director had walked into her life. On the Fox lot Kazan was known to be casting the film *Viva Zapata!*, then being written by John Steinbeck. If Marilyn failed to seize the opportunity, it might not present itself again. It didn't matter that she was mentally and physically exhausted. Marilyn, through an act of will, pulled herself out of the mists of the depression that had engulfed her. Soon she was on her way to the studio cafeteria, having decided to find Kazan and say yes to his dinner invitation. Marilyn began to spend nights with Kazan, while Miller slept alone. By day Miller, powerfully attracted to Marilyn himself, swears laps in the pool in an effort to cool off. Until, that is, Kazan met another girl and Miller was assigned to Marilyn as a substitute escort to a party.

**Marilyn interpreted Miller's shyness as a sign of respect**



The odd couple: Monroe and Miller. The playwright once wrote to her saying he was not the man to make her life work out as she hoped it would

chance to be cast in one of Kazan's films. A stack of letters from Miller was accumulating next to his photograph on the shelf above Marilyn's bed. She read by the light of a small, goose-necked lamp. Miller remained unhappy at home, where he and his wife were on bad terms. In the months after returning home to New York from California, Miller started two plays, both featuring a wayward husband. Marilyn, whom he had known for only a few days, hovered in his thoughts. She remained as much of a fantasy for him as he did for her. In the second work-in-progress Miller wrote about a Marilyn-like woman of free and open sexuality. Lorraine, as he called her, bids men to abandon their wives and children but those who are drawn to her come to an unhappy end. One character, who, faithless, later does the same to him. Another husband, protective of his social position, condemns himself to the safety of a cold and loveless marriage.

Miller wrote to Marilyn that, though he wished her the best, he just wasn't the man to make her life work out as she hoped. But no matter how he tried to put her off, somehow she remained serenely confident that it was only a matter of time before he would leave his wife for her.

and divorced Joe DiMaggio. Miller, at 39, seemed barely to have changed at all. He was still obsessed with the need to match the success he had had with *Death of a Salesman*. *The Crucible* certainly hadn't done that for him and he was about to try again with a new one-act play, *A View from the Bridge*. There was another constant in his life. Although Miller had come to the party alone, he was still very much married.

Yet there could be no denying that the connection between Marilyn and Miller remained strong. She reacted to him with the same fascination she had felt during their strange interlude in Los Angeles. As far as she could see, he was powerfully drawn to her as well. Soon the two were meeting regularly at her apartment whenever he could steal a few hours together. As far as Marilyn was concerned, Miller's reappearance in her life made New York feel like paradise. Marilyn, electric with life, was determined not to let him go again.

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He didn't ordinarily find Miller at parties. He disliked loud, crowded rooms. When he talked he preferred to do so against a background of silence. Marilyn, dressed all in white, was sipping a cocktail when she spotted him. Miller, 6ft 2in tall, towered over most people in the room. Marilyn realised he was coming towards her.

She hadn't seen him for four years, since January 27, 1951. At the time, Marilyn thought he was going home to work on *The Hook* and assumed that he would be right back. She had no idea that he had left because he feared what was about to happen between them. She had no idea that so much time would pass before they encountered one another again.

Marilyn was hardly the person she had been four years previously. Back then she had been an obscure starlet who barely knew whether she had the talent or the strength to go on. Today she was a famous movie star, one of the most valuable properties in Hollywood.

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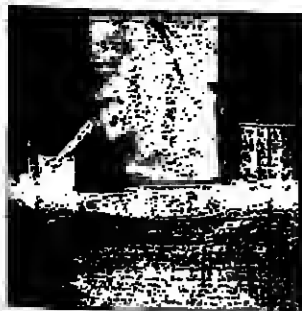
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## Saying it with thread

**GALLERIES: Richard Cork on the Serpentine Gallery show which will change your perceptions of embroidery**

In the bad old days, when women artists were hard to find and embroidery was dismissed as the pastime of housewives, the Serpentine Gallery's international show would have been blasted by male derision. After all, its 17 contributors all employ thread as their principal material. Unlike so many of their contemporaries, who place the latest technological discoveries at the centre of the work they produce, the artists gathered here opt for a defiantly homespun material.

But Raedecker stresses their desolation by wielding his needle with virtuoso aggression. From a distance, the splashes of light on some glass windows look lyrical. Closer to, though, they reveal themselves as vicious white strands puncturing the lines of the painting.

But there is nothing quaint or reactionary about the disparate images in this stimulating survey. Its title, *Loose Threads*, hints at the unpredictability of individuals who delight in confounding our expectations at every turn. Even Elaine Reichek, whose installation of embroidered samplers dominates the main space, escapes from any attempt to pigeonhole her activities. She calls the 23 samplers *When This You See...*, as if her main aim is an old-fashioned act of remembrance. But the barrage of quotations she deploys could hardly be more anarchic. In a single, two-panel work, she juxtaposes the over-familiar adage "A fool and his money are soon parted" with Barbara Kruger's caustic "I shop therefore I am". They are wryly contrasted, and yet Kruger's feminist satire prompts us to look at the older quotation from a fresh perspective.

Reichek refuses to be bound by conventional limits in her array of references, encompassing anything from the Brontës and Moby Dick to Jasper Johns and the World Wide Web. Her images are just as free-roaming, and in a witty, cleverly researched video she pinpoints moments from classic Hollywood movies where heroines as lustrous as Greta Garbo, Olivia de Havilland and Audrey Hepburn all turn out to indulge in a surprising amount of needlework during their encounters with men.

But this is no ghettoised, women-only exhibition. Among the male contributors, Michael Raedecker stands out. Concentrating on the interiors of minimal suburban houses, he combines acrylic paint with thread to create an aura of suppressed violence. The rooms are empty, their simplicity impeccable.

It is no longer derided by men as a female pastime

As for the other extreme, Holly Miller shuns spectacle and favours quiet, immaculate refinement. Just as Agnes Martin hones her grid paintings into models of discreet distillation, so Miller uses acrylic and thread in images as soothing as the aptly named *Smooth*. The placid surface is sliced by stitches, but without a hint of violence. Only the unexpected breaks in the stitched lines create tension, and even then Miller minimises the disturbance by ensuring that the painting as a whole remains serene and meditative.

The presence of such potent objects, here at the Serpentine, compares favourably with other exhibits documenting activities that happened far away from the gallery. In the thoughtful catalogue, Lisa Corrin explains the full complex significance of Kim Soo-Ja's "botari," bundles of festive fabrics tied up with rope. Parting, in her native Korea, is often conveyed by the act of wrapping, especially in funeral rituals. Journeys accentuate the notion of farewell, but Soo-Ja's video of trussed "botari" travelling on a pick-up truck through a coastal landscape seems disappointingly humdrum.

I felt divorced from the event, and similarly removed from the actions performed in *Stockholm* by Francis Alys. Small photographs, maps and captions are no substitute, in this instance, for the experience undergone by the artist himself. Wearing a woollen jumper which unravelled as he walked, Alys traversed the streets and left a wavering line of pale blue yarn behind him.

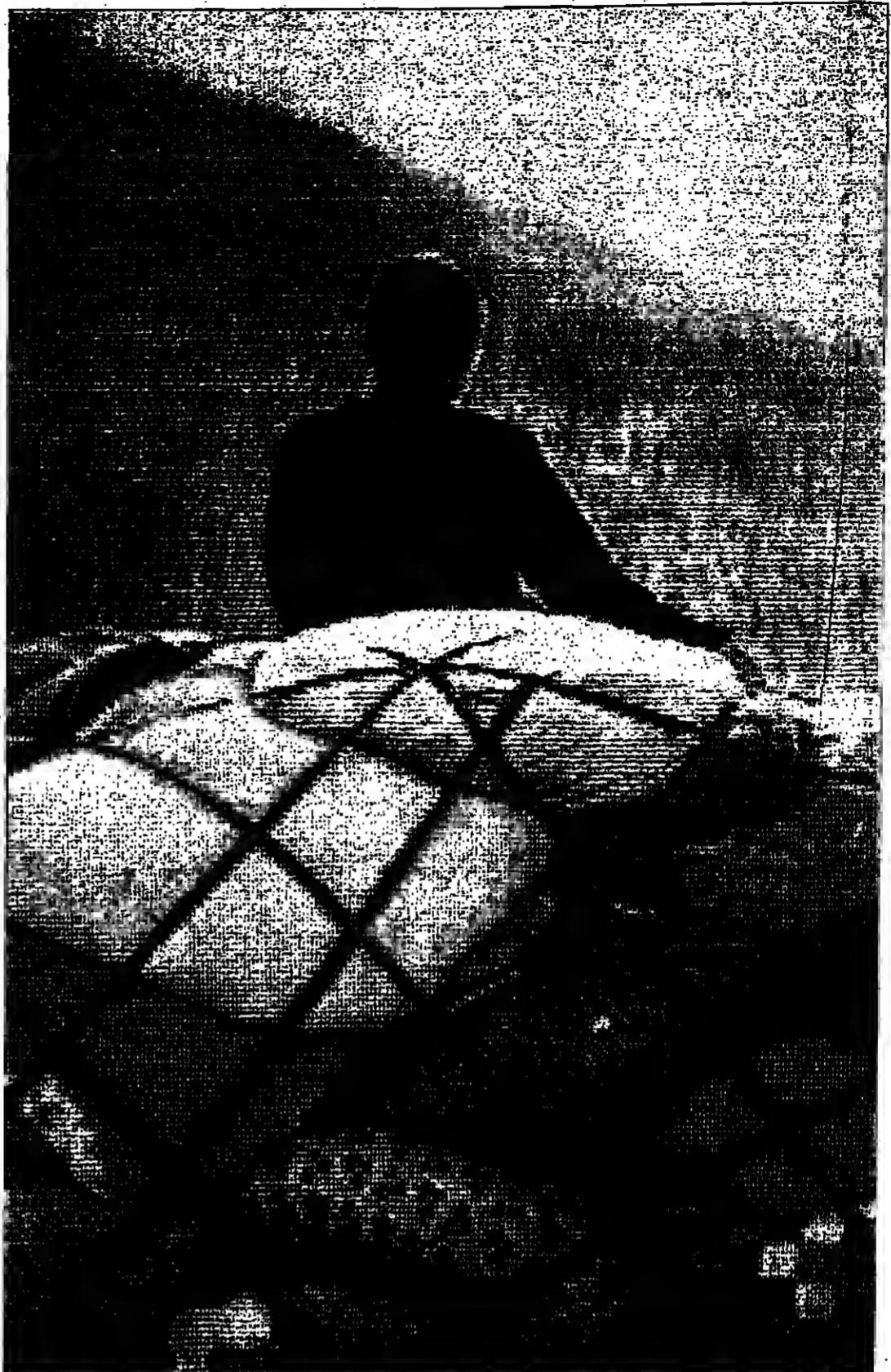
Regina Frank, by contrast, gains immediacy by performing in the gallery. At the heart of her installa-

tion, *The Glass Bead Game*, hangs the "magic mantle" produced by spinning the artist's favourite texts into textiles. Dressed in black, she moves like an elegant shaman around her space and invites viewers to join in by sharing poems and stories or e-mailing them to her website. Frank regards them as "thread-sentences", and adds them to a "virtual" mantle of "thought-beads" on the computer. But the real mantle provides an arresting visual anchor, and she often kneels before it to draw in the sand like an absorbed child on the beach.

The symbolism of the bead, derived in Frank's work from Herman Hesse's novel of the same name, chimes with the plexiglass bubbles in Brigitte Nahon's exhibit. Strung across the window looking on to the Serpentine's lawn, they are suspended by pins on long, dangling threads. Each bubble contains an inverted reflection of the view, bringing the landscape into the gallery. It smacks, once again, of childlike wonder, but offers in the end a far more vulnerable vision than Frank's slow, measured ritual. The bubbles might easily fall from their precarious perches, dashing any illusions about the safety of the world Nahon has created.

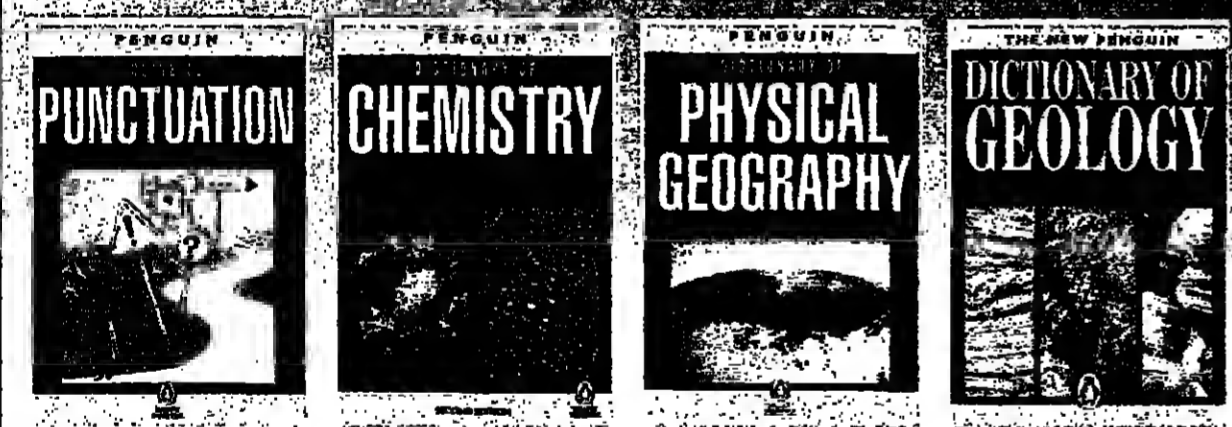
In this respect, she can be related to Tracy Emin, whose applied blanket provides at first a nursery-rhyme air of happiness. The artist's name and the work's title, *Love Poem*, are announced in large pink capitals at the top of the blanket. But the poem itself, in smaller, multicoloured capitals below, soon becomes disturbing. The poet imagines her whole body is screaming, and her lover unable to silence it. She feels fragmented to the point of utter obliteration, and yet the poem concludes by admitting that every smashed particle still belongs to him. The comfort normally associated with a blanket turns out to be useless in the face of such destructive infatuation, as cancerous as the invisible, burrowing worm in William Blake's poem *The Sick Rose*. This time, no amount of patiently applied thread can alleviate the pain.

*Loose Threads at the Serpentine Gallery (0171-402 6075) until Sept 20*



Embroidery on video: Kim Soo-Ja's *Cities on the Move - 2727 Kilometres Bottari Truck* (197)

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PROFESSIONAL writers get infuriated whenever painters, totally inexperienced in the literary arts, decide to take up their pen because they nearly always prove to write like angels. Possibly painters feel the same way about musicians who take up painting. The show *Musicians as Artists* at Gallery Z7 should offer the perfect opportunity to find out. It includes a couple of big names in terms of jazz and popular music, plus several lesser luminaries.

The star, from all points of view, is Miles Davis. Apparently he started painting in 1980, mainly to amuse himself, though his fame as one of the creators of cool jazz meant that from early on his painting received some publicity. He was largely self-taught, and began with primitive figures, but soon moved on to freeform abstraction, though always with a representational base.

A LAST-MINUTE change of cast raised Glyndebourne's *Prom Bocanegra* on to an altogether higher level than the performances at the festival proper. There Giancarlo Pasqueto lacked the vocal artillery and stage presence for the title role, leaving a hole at the centre of Verdi's opera. On Saturday Paolo Cavanelli flew in to show just how the part should be sung — and acted.

He is an experienced Bocanegra and stood in for a couple of performances at Covent Garden a few years ago. But this was far more than a piece of popular show-savvy. Gavanelli, sounding much like Bruson in his prime, burrowed through to the heart of the corsair of Genoa. He pointed each word and phrase in a baritone of considerable dynamic range. Bocanegra the ruler and Bocanegra the tortured loner came equally easily to him. His performance, which made it seem that he had been at Glyndebourne all summer, commanded the evening. He is due to appear in Covent Garden's new production of *Luca Miller* this coming season. Note the name.

David Rendall provided a second rescue act. The

### AROUND THE GALLERIES

*New York by Night*, with its flickering lines of neon colour against a midnight blue background, is the perfect visual equivalent of Davis's music, while the paintings based on conventionalised human figures show a confident sense of colour composition and an impish humour.

The other real luminary is John Lennon, represented by, among other prints, the seven erotic lithographs from his "Bag One" portfolio which got his London exhibition in January 1970 closed down by the police on its second day. Gallery Z7, 27 Cork Street, W1 (0171-734 7595), until Sat

■ THE concept of "Nazi Chic" is guaranteed, even today, to make a lot of people feel very uncomfortable. Even if it is relevantly invoked in relation

Gabriele Adorno, Michael Sylvester, who had left the production after disagreements, was due back for the Prom. He too cancelled and Rendall, who did half the *Sussex Bocanegras*, answered a second call-up. This was a sporting gesture with his first Otello due at the Coliseum in under a fortnight. On present vocal form it will be well worth hearing.

The rest was as in *Sussex* and very high-class. Elena Prokina's sweet Amelia floated her notes high into the Albert Hall. Alastair Miles was properly patrician as Fiesco and Peter Sidhom stalked the stage with his stick, the essence of villainy. All the principals were dressed in black, appropriate for this most sombre of Verdi operas. Mark Elder was again masterly in the pit, emphasising the darkness of the score as well as its warmth.

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see how many actors in films you can identify, and only then look at the list helpfully posted up by the door.

If the work demonstrates anything more serious, it is that any character played by an actor like Marlon Brando, Michael Caine or Richard Burton is bound to be glamorised by the fat, and that most people of Uklanski's age (30) or younger get their history mainly from films.

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POP: Stephen Dalton enjoys three days of peace, love and a certain tired mediocrity at the Reading Festival

# Familiarity breeds content

Rounding off a summer season marred by cancellations, poor ticket sales and appalling weather, the annual three-day Reading Festival was a pleasingly well-attended affair. If the music on offer leans towards nostalgia and familiar faces, this was more an indictment of a moribund music scene, with its dearth of exciting new movements or vibrant personalities.

The festival's traditional bias towards heavy rock was reflected in its bill. Friday's mid-evening highlight on the main stage was the Chester quartet *Mansueta*, who delighted the crowd with anthemic tunes from last year's debut album, *Attack Of The Grey Lantern*, before baffling it with songs from their forthcoming sequel, *Six*, which ran the gamut of styles from progressive rock to punk.



Once, the Beastie Boys were the voice of disaffected youth. These days, they like to intersperse their nasal raps with forays into instrumental jazz

The main headliners were Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, the recently reunited survivors of rock titans Led Zeppelin. Dissenters might knock this grizzled duo for their advanced years, but time has hardly blunted their thunderous attack. Neither, alas, has it improved the grinding tedium of their songs. The stretching blues vocals and blunderbuss guitar solos sounded crashingly conservative even 30 years ago and seemed positively prehistoric at Reading. Their stamina is commendable, their music lamentable.

Even the smaller stages at Reading, generally reserved for more experimental acts, proved to be bastions of traditionalism. The youthful South-coast quintet *Gomez*, nominees for this year's Mercury Music Prize, attracted large crowds on Friday with their ramshackle blues roadshow, shuffling and wheezing like men three times their age. The same night, station-hatted trio *Soozie Tyrell* enthralled devotees with warped country sound. Then, on Saturday, the ac-

claimed American singer-songwriter *Elliot Smith* caused a similar stir with his crafted campfire ballads.

Admittedly some younger artists proved more adventurous with their plundering of the past. Cardiff's *Super Furry Animals* delivered a winning cocktail of psychedelia and techno while Sunderland's *Kemrick* wrapped their stroboscopic pastiches of 1960s girl groups in comic banter.

Arab Strap combined stumbling, half-sung gibberish with intriguingly booby monologues and their fellow Glaswegians *Mogwai* played free-form instrumentals at ear-battering volume.

On Saturday the main stage

hosted a warmly received set by Oxford guitar trio *Supersound*, who seem to have abandoned their worrying drift towards plodding rock traditionalism and rediscovered the bouncy pop dynamism which made them so likeable in the first place. The *Prodigy* played next, proving once again that their ongoing tech-no-punk pantomime may lack subtlety but will always perk up a flagging festival bill. But then rapper *Maxim Lumbard* stole the headlines as the *Beastie Boys* for asking his band to omit their controversial hit single, *Smack My Bitch Up*, from their set. Perhaps he believed this constituted a bold stand against censorship, but such

an aggressive speech merely reinforced the ugly machismo behind this moronic song.

The *Beastie Boys* themselves made no comment on the incident, which could be construed as an elegant riposte in itself. Dressed in orange boiler suits, the wise-cracking New York trio delivered a lengthy set of booming beat collages and whiny nasal raps. Only during their occasional forays into instrumental jazz did these born-again brain lose momentum. It is a sad fact that even hip-hop, that most jarringly post-modern of pop genres, seems to be developing the same unhealthy obsession with its rootsy musical heritage as mainstream rock.

They may be more fiercely fashionable than ever, but the *Beasties* proved merely competent rather than exciting.

Salvation finally arrived on Sunday in the form of *New Order*, who stole the festival's all-time best moment by playing a single note. Although nearly two decades old and dormant for the past five years, these mould-breaking Mancunian modernists still managed to sound timeless enchanting with their sleek fusions of electronic percussion, deadpan lyrics and willful amateurism.

Punctuating vintage hits such as *True Faith* and *World In Motion* with archive classics from their previous incarnations as seminal post-punk

rockers *Joy Division*, this four-piece united old and young fans alike in warm-hearted celebration. Very few bands can treat their own much-mythologised past with such gleeful iconoclasm and still emerge with it intact. *New Order* brought precisely the injection of anarchic alchemy that Reading sorely needed.

Unwisely scheduled to headline after such a show-stopping set, *Garbage* were bound to sound drab by comparison. At least their singer, Shirley Manson, had the good grace to concede this as she gamely delivered her politely angst-ridden doom-rock. A suitably flaccid finale to a festival with few memorable highlights.



The all-singing, all-dancing, all-amazing *La Pantera Imperial*, Carles Santos's bravura reconstruction of Bach

Two grand pianos and a pianist batter each other in a sinister game of musical doggerel. A harpichordist plays a prelude while being spun round on a revolving platform. A baritone crooning an aria rouses a woman to noisy orgasm by sliding a torch over her quivering curves. Two ladies elegantly wriggle out of all their clothes, which they proceed to drop into the auditorium.

Carles Santos describes his *La Pantera Imperial* as "no more than a concert of Bach's music", but clearly this is no average concert. Flucking assorted Bach out of the air, Santos — a wacky veteran of the Catalan avant-garde — fleshes it into a parade of witty, whimsical, erotic, tender and surreal stage fantasies for choir, dancers and instrumentalists.

It is an infuriating work, in that sketches sometimes go on too long and musical performances are far from top-notch. Indeed, in stylistic terms they are pervasively anachronistic, like Bach performances on pre-war 78s. The show's very title,

## Flip your wig to crazy dude Bach



*The Imperial Panther*, significantly refers not to Bach but to the grand piano — an instrument invented decades after his death.

Yet *La Pantera* is provocative, inventive and great fun. True, it treats Bach's music reverently. But Bach has withstood any number of bizarre interpretations, from Walt Disney's *Fantasia* to Sweetbox's *Everything's Gonna Be Alright*, the rap treatment of high in the charts. Besides, the 22 giant busts of Bach suspended

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round the stage seem to enjoy the orgasms, groping and striptease as much as we do.

But what's it all about, Johann? Search me. It is quite easy to work out what individual bits mean. When the singers of *Lieder Camera* deliver the *Crucifixus* from the *B Minor Mass* with arms outstretched, the imagery is obvious. When a malevolent pianist starts persecuting the human pianist, one may surmise that this is a statement about the relentless commercialisation of music. When people

swipe up props from the previous scene into a pile of rubbish, one may guess that Santos is saying something about how great music lives on after all the human bric-a-brac surrounding its creation has died. And when the company scatters shoes (or, more poignantly, shoeboxes resembling children's shoes) round the stage, one may conjecture that the epic fertility and high infant mortality rate of Bach's family are being evoked.

But the overall logic? That is as elusive as a dream, and one shouldn't strain to catch it. Far more compelling is the instinctive, vivacious and quintessentially Catalan response to the music. Santos himself delivers Bach's keyboard pieces as a flamenco guitarist might trilling the chords, stamping on off-beat accents. When that startling approach is extended visually, into a full-blown flamenco, the punchy attitude of the company, the result is simply magnificent.

RICHARD MORRISON

### RECOMMENDED TODAY

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Matt Hingle

**LONDON**

**EBB PROMIS:** One of America's finest ensembles, the Los Angeles Philharmonic under its brilliant young conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen, makes its second Prom appearance tonight (7pm) with a John Adams London premiere followed by Mahler *Utter and long-paused* by Mahler, Albert Hall (0171-988 8212). (C)

**CRIME AND PUNISHMENT:** First production of the Steam Industry's so-called *Discipline Season*: Psa Wilmore directs Rodney Ackland's version of Dostoevsky. Flabourough Theatre Club (0171-373 3842). Preview from tonight, 8pm.

**MELBA STAINYTON:** The popstar's screen debut as a young woman who, with a one-week solo cabaret show. Backed by a ten-piece band she performs songs ranging from the Peggy Lee hit *Over to the Sunshiny Side* to *Domineer* (0171-382 1732). Opens tonight, 8.15pm. (C)

**THE PLAY ABOUT THE BABY:** British premiere of Edward Albee's play about the mysterious connections between four people. Frances de la Tour and Alan Howard head the cast in Howard Davies's production. Almeida, N1 (0171-359 4404). Opens tonight, 7pm. Until October 10.

**THE MICKADO:** The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, absent from London for over three years, brings the most popular of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas to the West End for a week-long visit. Lynton Buck replaces the title role which he sang to great acclaim in 1985, with Jill Pong as Yaliska. Festival Hall (0171-980 4242). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; next Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. (C)

**Penelope Keith stops mourning in Guildford**

**ELSEWHERE**

**EDINBURGH:** Soprano Amanda Roccoff joins the baritone Cliff Bar to present Verdi's great song collection *Spasmodico* (Liederfest, Claret Hall, 7pm). At the Lyceum (7pm) the New York Theatre Workshop's *Boys* (0171-382 1732). *Boys* (0171-382 1732). *Boys* (0171-382 1732). *Boys* (0171-382 1732).

### NEW WEST END SHOWS

Jeremy Kingston's choice of theatre showing in London

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**THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE:** Alan Ayckbourn directs Benita Long in his new comedy about a surprising love and its unrequited consequences for lovers. Uniquely topical set. Duchess (0171-494 5075).

**AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Now in its 8th London season, Peter Hall's excellent production. With Christopher Cazenove, Susannah York and Oliver Coburn. Royal, Haymarket (0171-680 8800).

**FULL GALLOP:** Mary Louise Wilson's performance as Diana Vreeland, the Vogue diva, earned her an OBE Award on Broadway. Hampstead, NW3 (0171-725 9301).

**GOLDMID SUNDAY:** Julian Littman plays Ruth Saks, eccentric, hilarious composer of the *Billie Holiday* hit, who chose poverty in Budapest while huge royalties lay unclaimed in New York. Stephen Walker directs Peter Miller's account of his life. Jeremy Bates (0171-267 2675).

**HAMLET:** Japanese maestro Yukio Ninagawa brings his excellent visual style to bear on Shakespeare's madman. Barbican, EC2 (0171-638 8897).

**THE TRIAL:** Anthony Booth's 40-minute play for an all-women cast, some way after Kafka. Men in the Moon, SW1 (0171-351 2578). Until September 12.

**A WIFE WITHOUT A SMILE:** Forgotten farce by Finlay's view of marital pranks causes a scandal in 1864. Dominic Hill directs. Chelsea Theatre, SW10 (0171-840 2823).

**THE AFRICAN COMPANY PRESENTS RICHARD III:** Carlyle Brown's play tells the true story of Richard III's struggle to perform Shakespeare's play. The Five Points Theatre Company, E1 (0161-237 1111).

**LOOT:** Joe Orton's celebrated black box transfers from Chichester after sell-out houses. Vaudeville (0171-638 8897).

### FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

**NEW RELEASES**

**THE HORSE WHISPERER (PG):** Incredibly lush adaptation of Nicholas Evans's best-seller about a healer of damaged horses and a small New Yorker. Robert Redford directs and stars with Kevin Costner and Lynn Collins.

**LOCK, STOCK AND TWO SMOKING BARRELS (18):** French and Italian black comedy thriller set in London's East End. With Jason Flemyng and Dexter Fletcher.

**MR. NICE GUY (15):** TV chef gets into gang trouble. Inconsequential comedy thriller set in Australia. With Hong Kong action star Jackie Chan.

**THE PROPOSITION (12):** Wildly improbable melodrama about sexual surrogacy, set in 1890s Boston, with James Franco, Macaulay Culkin and Kevin Spacey.

**THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG):** Native scientist gets drawn into a con trick. Story enthralling from writer-director David Mamet, with Campbell Scott, Steve Martin, and Rebecca Pidgeon.

**CURRENT**

**LE BOSSU (11):** Enjoyable French musical, with Daniel Auteuil as the swordsman determined to bring down Fabrice Luchini's upstart intruder.

**EVIE'S BAYOU (15):** Ten-year-old girl witnesses her father's infidelity. Successful and poetic black family drama, with a universal appeal. Kasi Lavinova directs Samuel L. Jackson and Lynn Collins.

**FIRELIGHT (15):** Swiss governess takes charge of the English child she conceived for money. Pretzly directed out, but luscious costume romance, with Sophie Marceau and Stephen Rea. Director, Wilma Mankinen.

**GADSDILL DILD (15):** Fashion shows to Romania in search of a legendary gypsy singer. Unlikely drama, crammed with ethnic colour and low-budget folk music. Director, Tony Gatlif.

**GANG RELATED (12):** Two cops hunt for a tall guy to take the rap for murder. Sliding drama with James Franco, Macaulay Culkin and Kevin Spacey. Director, Jim Kouss.

**METROLAND (18):** London suburban life in the 1970s pondered on their nuclear youth. Perturbant account of Julian Barnes's novel, with Christian Bale and Emily Watson. Director, Philip Saville.

**ARMAGEDDON (12):** Oil derrick Bruce Willis and his roughneck crew strike out into space to save the world. Absolutely chaotic and reliable blockbuster. With Billy Bob Thornton, Ben Affleck, and Liv Ullmann.

**THE X-FILES (15):** Mulder and Scully tumble upon an occult-horror virus. More an extended TV production than a blockbuster movie. With David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. Director, Rob Bowman.

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OBITUARIES

THE REV DONALD ENGLISH

The Rev Donald English, CBE, former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and President of the Methodist Conference, died of heart trouble on August 28 aged 68. He was born on July 20, 1930.

Donald English was the only minister ever to be President of the Methodist Conference twice. He was also Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, and came to epitomise the World Methodist Council.

In the course of his work he met world leaders ranging from the Queen to P. W. Botha and F. W. de Klerk, and also led Bible studies in Parliament, but he retained his imaginative ability to step into the worlds of audiences of any age and very varied backgrounds. He broadcast to millions in *Thought for the Day* on Radio 4, and was adept at turning small incidents or aspersions to account. His figures of speech were often striking, as when he said, somewhat bewilderingly: "Our believing has become fragmented — more like a bag of marbles than a bunch of grapes." When preaching he could be very animated, and he was not afraid to laugh or to cry in the pulpit, and in 1991 in Singapore he wept openly while expressing his grief at white racism.

He believed that the struggle for social justice was a crucial part of the mission of the Church, and constantly related his teaching to the conditions he found around him in the everyday world. He contributed a chapter, for example, to a book about the challenge of the Aids crisis in the 1980s, and he led the development of the "Mission Alongside the Poor" programme, taking the Gospel to some of Britain's most deprived areas.

He laid particular emphasis on

the need to convey the historical and scriptural traditions of the Church in contemporary and easily apprehended language. He was, indeed, a great populariser.

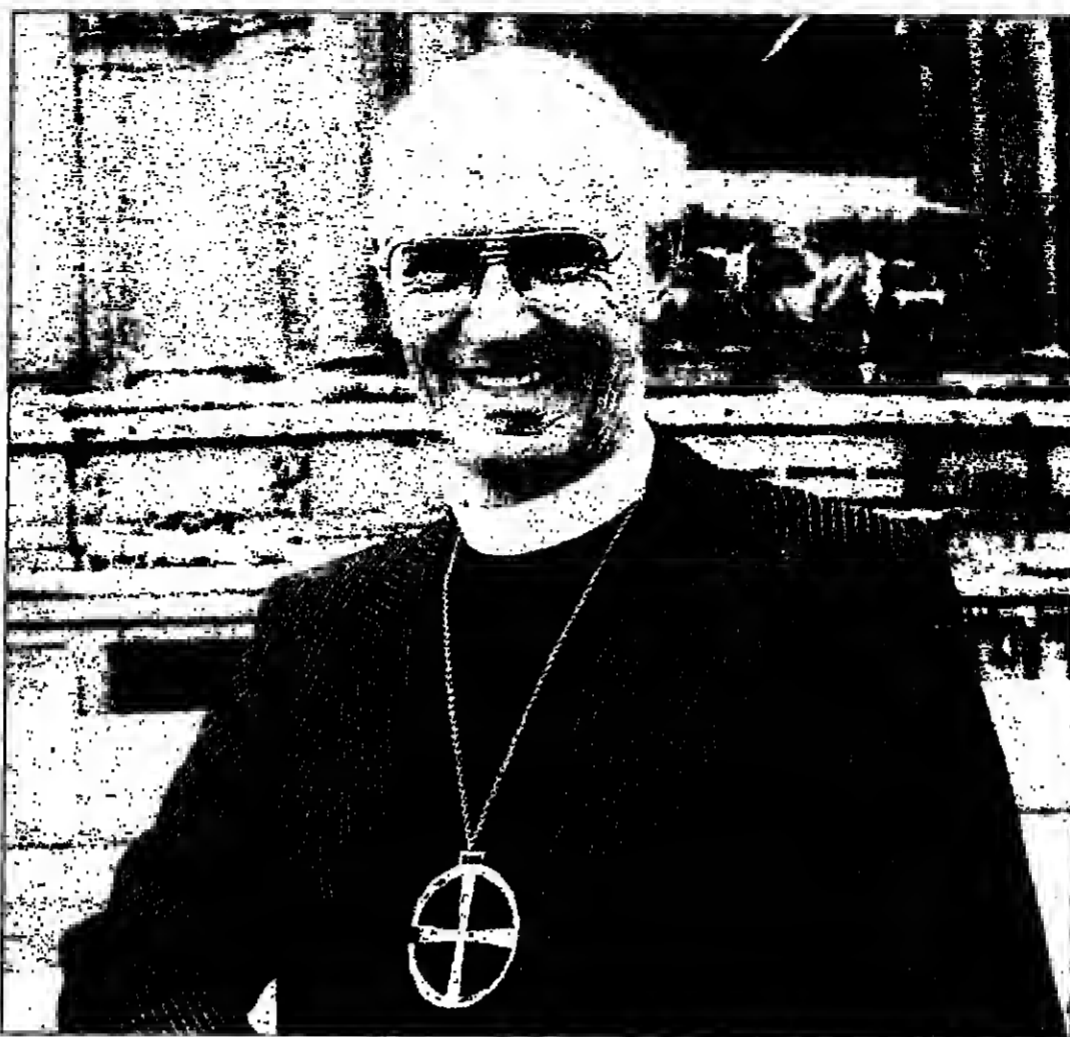
As a preacher he swelled congregations, despite his unusually long sermons, and he was also the author of many books and pamphlets. These included his study of the relation of theology to practical worship, *God in the Gallery* (1975), *Christian Discipleship* (1977), *Winds of the Passion* (1978), *Why Believe in Jesus?* (1986) *Evangelism Now* (1985), *The Meaning of the Warm Heart* (1988) and *Everything in Christ* (1988). One of his international Bible studies was printed in 25 languages.

Donald English was born at Consett, Co Durham, the only son of a colliery electrician, Robert English, and his wife Ena, and was educated at the local grammar school. From there he moved on to the University College of Leicester (now Leicester University), where he read history for the London University BA, and took a diploma in education, thinking that he might become a history teacher.

He had always attended the local High Westwood chapel, and he played soccer for the Boys Brigade. For a time it looked as though he could make a career in soccer. He played for the British Universities team, and then for Leicester City for two years, and was considered for a place at Sunderland.

He did his National Service with the RAF as an education officer before becoming travelling secretary of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship (now the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship) from 1955 to 1958, responsible for training and evangelism in 11 universities.

Afraid of becoming stale in his dealings with new generations of students, he moved in 1958 to Wesley



House in Cambridge, to train for the ministry, and was taught by Michael Skinner and Owen Chadwick. By the time he left, the previously undistinguished Wesley House football team could claim an unbeaten season.

After a period as assistant tutor at Wesley College, Headingly, Leeds, he was ordained in 1962. In the same year he married Bertha Ludlow, whom he had met at the Leicester Christian Union, and who was Lady Warden at the

Methodist College in Belfast. Always a missionary in the tradition of the Wesleys, English wanted to preach as widely as possible, and he now went to Nigeria under the aegis of the Methodist Missionary Society, to be tutor at the ecumenical Trinity College in Umuahia in the east of the country. There he told people that the Church must proclaim the Word like a town crier going through the streets.

When he returned to Britain, he was quick to see the passion and enthusiasm in black-led churches, and wished to harness their energy. He urged different faiths to work closely together, and was to serve as chairman of the executive committee of the Nationwide Initiative in Evangelism, of the evangelism committee of the British Council of Churches, and of the Churches Together Co-ordinating Group in Evangelism.

He taught and spoke in places as far apart as Nairobi, Brazil, Israel and South Africa. Wherever he went he made friends, not least because he accepted that the British way of doing things is not necessarily the only way.

In 1966 he began a six-year ministry at Cullercoats in Northumberland, but in 1972 he shifted back to college life, becoming tutor in historical theology at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, and then, when that closed the following year, moving to Wesley College in Bristol, where he was tutor in practical theology and Methodism.

Among his innovations in Bristol was the week-long study of a particular local congregation in its social context. Students would make contact with schools, social services and the police, as well as the local minister. At the time some of these excursions were considered by his detractors to be more like ego-trips than field-trips, but they were all part of English's dedication to practical evangelism.

In 1976 he made a great impact with the Bible studies he presented to the 13th World Methodist Conference, held in Ireland, and two years

later, at 47, he was elected President of the Methodist Conference, one of the three youngest men ever to have held the post.

He launched the programme "Sharing in God's Mission", galvanising many with the intensity of his vision. He was an expert at delegation, and made others feel that their contributions were worthwhile. He took a special interest in the increasingly popular city-wide ecumenical missions. He was the main speaker at several of these, including "One Voice" in York — where he spoke without notes or a lectern — and "Making Waves" in Plymouth. He also addressed many student audiences at universities.

In 1982 he became leader of the Methodist Home Mission Division, and it was in this capacity that he once had to reply, at a conference, to a critical speech from the floor which accused the Church of "pussyfooting around". He answered the charge firmly, explaining his strategic plans, and then concluded with the words, "Now, Mr President, I'll just pussyfoot back to my seat."

In 1990 he became President of the Conference for an unprecedented second time. He was not without critics for allowing his name to go forward again, but others felt that his wisdom and wide experience were needed at a difficult and potentially divisive time.

From 1991 to 1996 he was chairman of the World Methodist Council, representing 60 million Methodists, which meant even more requests for him to visit other parts of the globe. At home, when he had time to relax, he enjoyed gardening and walking with his golden retriever.

He was appointed CBE in 1996. His wife died of cancer in 1997, but he is survived by their two sons.

GUY YEOMAN

Guy Yeoman, veterinary surgeon and explorer, died on August 2 aged 78. He was born on July 11, 1920.

A VETERINARY student when the Second World War broke out, Guy Yeoman went to East Africa as a "gentleman of leisure" and developed a lifelong passion for the snowy sources of the Nile and the people of the Rwenzori mountain ranges. He became fluent in Swahili while recruiting troops for the war in Burma in 1942 and later returned to the region as a veterinary surgeon working for the Colonial Office. This passion resulted in his book *Africa's Mountains of the Moon* (1989) and in his successful campaign to provide the place and its people with the protection of World Heritage Site status.

On the outbreak of war Yeoman had attempted to join the Army but was at first unable to do so because he was professionally exempted. He persisted, and found himself training troops in East Africa. The sinking of the troopship *Khedive Ismail* while on passage from Mombasa to Ceylon on February 12, 1944, affected him deeply. Among the 1,511 lives lost were almost all the African troops of his own regiment.

The experience left him with a deep sense of debt for the lives of Africans lost during the war. It was a debt he tried to repay throughout the remainder of his life, and the protection of the fragile mountainous area around the sources of the Nile was a lifelong pursuit.

After the war he continued his veterinary training, qualifying from the Royal Veterinary College, London, in 1949. He joined the Colonial Office and was posted to East Africa with his young wife Myrtle. His work on the tick-borne cattle disease East Coast Fever was the basis of the thesis which won him his fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. His book *The Exotic Ticks of Tanzania* (jointly written with Dr Jane Walker) was published in 1967. His successful disease control schemes are still largely in place in Tanzania.

During his service in the country he made the first of his many Rwenzori expeditions: the collections of fauna and flora he made for the National Museum of Kenya are recorded on a film in the family archives.

When Tanzania gained its independence Yeoman returned to Britain in 1962, first continuing his veterinary research, first for Astra Hewlett and later for Beecham Pharmaceuticals where he achieved international recognition for his work in veterinary antibiotics.

But he retained his interest in East Africa, continuing his explorations whenever time and circumstances allowed. Although afflicted by increasing deafness (as well as the death of his eldest son), he



journeyed, often by himself, to the heart of the mountains and the intrusive impact that might have on the local way of life. When the Rwenzori Mountain Services were established under Bakonjo control, the mountain guides built a climbing hut which they named the Guy Yeoman Hut. It was a gesture that touched him deeply.

Yeoman also concerned himself with the social welfare of the people of the Rwenzori region, suggesting schemes to control the size of families, to be paid for by the Kenyan State, and based on the notion of compensation for months of non-pregnancy. A pilot scheme is expected to be given a trial in the region this winter.

Yeoman passed on his passion for the mountains not only to his wife and children, but also to his grandchildren. At the age of 69 he and his wife climbed the Ibera route of the Rwenzori Mountains. With his son he had climbed on Mount Kenya, as well as on several Alpine peaks, including the Matterhorn. In his last years he was afflicted by almost total deafness, but he continued, right to the end of his life, to walk the hills surrounding his home in Edale, Derbyshire.

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PIROSKA SZANTO

Piroska Szanto, Hungarian artist, writer and broadcaster, died in Budapest on August 2 aged 84. She was born on December 7, 1913.

ALTHOUGH her work was little known outside her native Hungary, Piroska Szanto's artistic and literary output made her a grande dame of the cultural life of her country.

The fastidious sometimes frowned upon her work, but as an artist, writer and broadcaster she won for herself a loyal and enthusiastic middle-brow following. With her husband, the poet Istvan Vas, whom she married in 1951, she was at the centre of a warmly hospitable cultural world, whose boundaries were willingly stretched to include interested foreigners.

Piroska Szanto was born in Kisunktelep/haza, 80 miles southeast of Budapest. From her early years set herself to be an artist. She combined her art with left-leaning instincts, and in 1934 joined the Socialist Artists Group. During the Second World War she was active in a leftist underground resistance movement and had, when it was uncovered, to go into hiding on a remote farm. But she was not a communist. Her art was internationalist and to a degree Western in flavour, and after the war she joined the avowedly European school of Hungarian artists.

In the late 1940s this group, like so many other associations of free spirits, attracted the disapproval of the new Socialist Government of Hungary. In consequence Szanto was permitted no exhibition of her work from 1949 until after the 1956 Hungarian revolution. But throughout this period, as throughout her life, she went on painting.

She pursued a variety of techniques, whose constant theme was a search for ways to extend the boundaries of representational art. Crucifixes, flowers, well-heads, broken gravestones proliferate; so do ghostly peasant women and — late in her career — vaguely erotic impressions of intertwined lovers. It is not great art, but it has an accessible, yet mildly challenging, appeal. Szanto was also a gifted book illustrator. And in 1989 she finally published a book of the drawings she had made of the 1956 revolution in action, drawings which she kept hidden away for more than 30 years and about which she had written, as late as 1984, that she thought they would never see the light of day in public.

In the introduction to that book, as in four books of memoirs she published, Szanto demonstrated a talent with her pen which was perhaps greater than with her brush (she gave her hobbies in the Hungarian *Who's Who* as "animal protection and prose writing"). She had lived through interesting times, and laid her experiences before readers seeking escape from the grey predictability of Communist Party orthodoxy.

She also, late in life, made herself a much-loved radio and television broadcaster.

She had a quirky, irreverent, throaty way with words and a daring, allusion-filled mind. All this won her a popular following which compensated her for the gently patronising disdain with which some of her contemporaries regarded her work.

Szanto and Vas saw themselves as internationalists. In the difficult years that followed the 1956 revolution they took risks to maintain contacts with the outside world. After that catastrophe they were central members of the first group of Hungarian intellectuals to visit Britain as guests of the British Council, in 1960.

Thirty years afterwards, Piroska Szanto could still console her friends with richly flavoured, ironical accounts of the typical Brodshness she claimed she had encountered then; and then go on to move them to tears with the impressions stamped upon her mind by this first visit to a free country, and to friends of Hungary there, impressions which she treasured ever afterwards.

Istvan Vas died in 1992; they had no children.



A study by Piroska Szanto depicting a scene from the Hungarian uprising of 1956, featuring resisting students

MIDNIGHT AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL

Nightworkers at Woolwich Arsenal are not without their compensations. Darkness softens the hard, noonday ugliness of the mighty vibrating world of copper, steel and iron. The branches of lonely little trees, standing forlornly in the few patches of green still left (war-time necessities have absorbed most of them) shed a spectral minuet in the moonlight; and on the bordering Thames shrouded ships come and go in silence that is more lyrical than a song.

ON THIS DAY

September 1, 1916

The employment of teenagers in munitions factories illustrates the drain on the nation's manpower after two years of war on sea and land.

a new significance by this nocturnal enchantment. Suddenly the clock strikes 11 and the great gong calls the workers to the canteens. At the sound matter-of-factness returns. Music and flowers add beauty and grace to the festival of eating in the big canteen. There is no jostling, no confusion, no emulation. They are obviously all "good pals". Some bring their own food, which is heated up at the counter. Others partake of the excellent meal provided at an astonishingly low sum. Respect for the liberty of the workers' leisure hours is manifested in

the big new canteen for 1,000 boys recently opened. Their ages range from 14 to 18. Some, so small that their heads barely reach the top of the counter, are ordering "meat and two vegetables" at an hour when most of their size are tucked snugly in bed. Others are diving into nautical-looking coloured handkerchiefs, wicker baskets and paper parcels in which they have brought their food. Some are smoking cigarettes; some playing cards, some reading newspapers, and some deep in tales of adventure. These boys, when off duty, have comfortable hostels to live in, motherly women to look after them, recreation grounds to play in, and a seaside camp for holidays. Everywhere one is impressed by the animated "live" look of both girl and boy munition workers, an expression exceedingly rare in this country, where even those who are intelligent seldom look like Miss Lillian Barker, Superintendent of the Women's section, attributes this to hard work.

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NEWS

Rebuff for Yeltsin deepens crisis

Russia plunged deeper into crisis when its Parliament overwhelmingly rejected President Yeltsin's nomination of Viktor Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister and set the stage for a long and bruising power struggle.

After speakers across the political spectrum had heatedly attacked Chernomyrdin's record, the Duma voted against nominating him to head a new government. Pages 1, 10

Partisans for a lost Princess

Exactly 365 days had passed since they had heard the news, but the worshippers had not weakened one iota in their passion for their idol. Among the gentle crowds placing their flowers outside Kensington Palace, there was a hard core of aggressively pro-Diana acolytes ready to pounce on any dissenting voice. Pages 1, 4, 5

Island 'invasion'

A tiny British-owned island in the Channel has been 'invaded' by an eccentric French novelist in the name of King Orléans-Antoine I of Patagonia, who died more than a century ago. Page 1

IRA statement

An IRA statement condemning the Omagh bomb, demanding the Real IRA's disbandment and admitting executions was dismissed by Unionists because it rejects decommissioning. Page 8

Prisons clash

The feud between the Prison Service and the Chief Inspector of Prisons erupted into the open when it denied as 'empty words' his claim that 20 drug barons operate in big prisons. Page 2

Noye work stops

Builders on Kenneth Noye £350,000 whitewashed hilltop villa in Spain claim he owes them £12,500. They dismantled their scaffolding as soon as they heard of his arrest. Page 2

Nanny's plea

Louise Woodward, the nanny tried for murder live on US TV, said cameras had turned her case into a soap opera and should be banned from court. Pages 1, 3

MP's breath test

A Labour MP spoke of his horror at failing a breath test. Jamie Carr, who had been stopped for speeding, blamed a beer at home the night before. Page 3

Schizophrenia clue

Scientists say their discovery of a strong genetic link to schizophrenia, a mental disease known to run in families, is 'exceedingly important'. Page 6

The show that came off must go on

In a move reminiscent of The Producers, the Mel Brooks film about a bad-taste show on Hitler that was intended to fail, the Barbican in London is reviving a musical that flopped so abysmally that it has not been fully revived for 70 years. The man behind it favours neglected musicals: another one features a singing, tapdancing Gandhi on hunger strike. Page 7



Golden day: revellers in the Notting Hill Carnival procession yesterday

BUSINESS

Petrol merger: Shell is close to agreeing a merger of its European refining and marketing operations with those of Texaco in reaction to the dramatic deterioration in the profits of Europe's major refiners. Page 44

Shares dive: The Dow Jones index suffered its third successive 100-point drop, threatening to eliminate all the progress made in 1998. London shares are expected to follow suit when trading begins this morning. Page 44

Beer fight: A group of landlords is preparing to sue the Government for £1.6 billion because they claim they have been forced to use a home-produced beer as their guest ale rather than a cheaper import from the Continent. Page 40

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Cricket: Muttiah Muralitharan, the Sri Lanka off-spinner, produced the fifth best Test match bowling analysis in history, 16 wickets for 220 runs, defeating England by nine wickets. Page 23

Football: Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, said that Michael Owen was currently the top striker in the country after his hat-trick against Newcastle at the weekend. Page 25

Tennis: Tim Henman, seeded No 13, was championing at the bit after an hour of unyielding practice with Andre Agassi. Page 26

Motor racing: Damon Hill, winner of the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps, said he had driven a better than ever. Page 27

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Painting with thread: An exhibition at London's Serpentine Gallery will change the public perception of embroidery, thanks to 17 disparate artists in thread. Page 14

Second time lucky: The Glyndebourne staging of Verdi's Simon Boccanegra comes to the Proms with a great last-minute casting improvement. Page 14

Weekend of pop: The Prodigy lifted everyone's spirits, the Beastie Boys provided the booming beat and New Order stole the show at the Reading Festival. Page 15

Festival fun: The Edinburgh Festival presents Carles Santos's La Pantera Imperial, a parade of witty, erotic, tender and surreal stage fantasies for choir, dancers and instrumentalists. Page 15

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- ACROSS
1 Vitality of Frenchman priest converted (6).
5 Retire amid genuine satisfaction (8).
9 It is conferred due to supreme being first (8).
10 Group of horses making way to enclosure (6).
11 Negotiates with opponents round table, making petitions (8).
12 Birds circling lake could be ducks or quails (8).
13 Give new order to soldiers at military HQ on Continent (7).
16 Tough type able to resist shelling? (4,3).
20 Took a breather by popular high point before start of descent (8).
22 Old-fashioned instruments for the blues (8).

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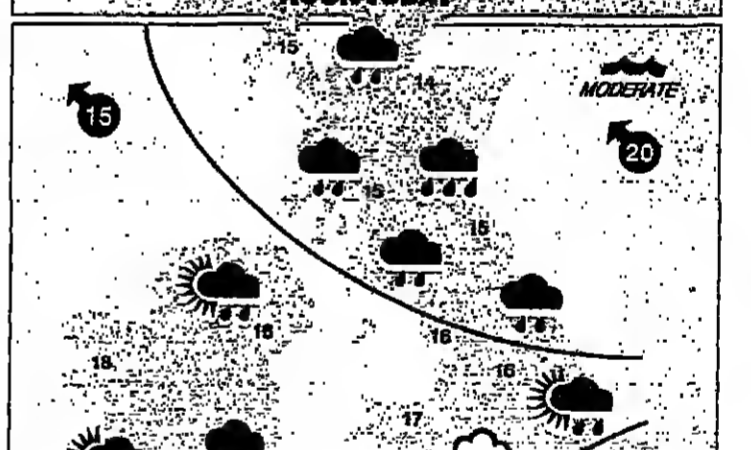
FORECAST

General: overnight rain will soon clear from Northern Ireland, Wales and SW England, with brighter skies later spreading into central southern England. Remaining parts of England will have some rain. Windy in Scotland with only the far north staying dry.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

Table showing weather conditions around Britain yesterday, including temperature, sun, rain, and wind for various locations like Aberdeen, London, and Manchester.

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The England batsmen never came to terms with Muralitharan's unique action as they slumped at the Oval yesterday. Photograph: Rebecca Naden

## England sent spinning to humiliation

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (final day of five): Sri Lanka beat England by ten wickets

ALL too soon, the froth and fizz of England's cricketing summer went flat. Three weeks after the dizzy joys of Headingley, they were overwhelmed yesterday by Muralitharan, a phenomenon to whom cricket's bowling records are now open house.

Muralitharan, the confectioner's son from Kandy, completed match figures of 16 for 220, the fifth-best in Test cricket, as England's variable resistance was ended with half-an-hour in hand. Sri Lanka's first victory in England scorned the decision to offer them a solitary Test and emphasised that world cricket has a new, entrancing star.

The uniquely wristy off-spinner took nine for 65 in the second innings and only a run-out deprived him of the chance to join Jim Laker as the one man with all ten. Bewitched, bothered and bewildered, England tottered into Muralitharan's web with alarming complacency until complete indignity was averted by a stubborn stand of 53 between the ninth-wicket pair of Mark Ramprakash and Darren Gough.

Briefly, deceptively, England hinted at another improbable escape to match the heroes of Old Trafford in July — but everywhere they twisted and turned, Muralitharan was there, switching ends, changing angles, waiting in ambush.

He bowled 37 overs in the day, making 114 in the match. His stamina was as impressive as his immense skill and finally, with a whooping dance of delight that nobody could begrudge him, he snared the defiant stragglers. It left a requirement of 36 in 14 overs and Sri Lanka, true to their instincts, made them in five.

As with many one-off Tests, this game had the atmosphere of an end-of-term party, but England will not now enjoy their holidays as much as they had anticipated. "It's taken a bit of gloss off the summer," Alec Stewart, the captain, said. He might have added that it has raised serious concern about the winter, too.

England batted as poorly against Muralitharan as ever they have done against the similarly freakish gifts of Shane Warne. While they may grumble that the Oval produced the very type of dry, turning pitch that Muralitharan would have ordered, they can expect nothing very different if Warne is fit to oppose them in Australia.

However, this was no more an occasion on which to glibly condemn England's cricket than it was to question Muralitharan's action, as David Lloyd has so unwisely done. Lloyd's words may have official repercussions, but they will be nothing compared to the impact upon the wider game of this peerless display of spin bowling.

Stewart may have had his differences with the Sri Lankans, but he was unflinching in his praise of Muralitharan. "He's very difficult to play against, because he spins it so

much and you can never get on top of him," he said. "Saqlain Mushtaq, who plays with me for Surrey, is a tremendous off-spin bowler, but this fellow is in a different league."

For Arjuna Ranatunga, the admirably impressive Sri Lanka captain, victory was sweet vindication for the tactic of bowling first. It was the first time that he has won after inserting the opposition, at the twelfth time of trying, but Ranatunga showed unblinking conviction afterwards when he said the game had

fourth in any Test away from home — was more than an idle fancy. When John Crawley was out immediately before lunch, to a culpably casual drive, the outcome could all too easily be envisaged.

Within half-an-hour of the resumption, all hope of a home reprieve appeared gone. Ben Hollis was out first ball, though he departed shaking his head forlornly over the leg-before decision, and Muralitharan swept aside Cork and Salisbury with minimal fuss.

The wicket of Cork was Muralitharan's 200th in Tests and his remarkable improvement can be gauged from the fact that his first hundred occupied 27 games and his second only 15. He had now taken four for six, either side of lunch. One more wicket would take him above Allan Donald as the most prolific bowler in Test cricket this year, two more would give him the best figures in any Test at the Oval, but, at last, England made him wait.

Ranatunga, a captain who never lets a pattern grow stale, juggled his bowlers relentlessly, as much to keep the batsmen guessing about where Muralitharan would next emerge as in hope that anyone else might take a wicket. For more than two hours, though, he was denied until, with the last hour looming, Ramprakash erred at last.

Muralitharan had him well caught at short-leg and then, in his next over, bowled the valiant Gough behind his legs as he aimed to sweep. England had batted five hours of the day for 127 runs, too few to put the game out of reach. Jayasuriya claimed the spoils hungrily, but the glory belonged elsewhere.

Who is to argue now? Certainly not Stewart, no matter that he was the one batsman yesterday to escape the clutches of Muralitharan, albeit through a run-out executed quite brilliantly by a direct hit thrown by Chandana, the substitute. Coming after an hour's play, with James already gone to a bat-pad catch and England still 53 runs adrift, Stewart's departure was the moment in which Sri Lanka sensed that their third successive victory — and only their

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US Open: Briton's consistency leaves him full of confidence for final grand-slam event of the season

Henman grows in stature from seeds of success

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

FOR the first time in his career, Tim Henman understands that success breeds success. A summer of rare consistency left him bristling with intent before the US Open championship...

Henman earned for the first time, albeit briefly, earlier this month. It is also far removed from Henman's depressing slump in February. "What has particularly pleased me this summer has been my consistency..."

won the match and then dismantled Carlos Moya. Petr Korda and Gustavo Kuerten — all top-ten players — before taking a set from Marcelo Rios, at the time the dominant player on the tour.



Muster hits a backhand in sweeping Berasategui to defeat in New York yesterday. The Spaniard became the first seed to fall.

Ivanisevic serves notice of intent

FROM ALAN RAMSAY

IT DID not take long, but in the land of sports statistics the first two facts of the US Open came thundering in within minutes: first male seed to reach the second round — Goran Ivanisevic at 12.38pm — and first male seed to fall at the first hurdle — Alberto Berasategui four minutes later.

straight at Ivanisevic in the second set — but that did little for international relations. So, would Woodforde tip the ball. Croat to win the title here? Not really, no.

point and that make him mad." Not that Ivanisevic was too worried by the thoughts of Woodforde. After the depression and disappointment of losing his third Wimbledon final, he is at last beginning to recover.

He was heading for the airport after 90 minutes having lost quietly to Thomas Muster 7-6, 6-2, 6-3. At least he is consistent, having failed to get past the first round in any tournament on any surface since the French Open in May.

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MOTOR RACING

Jordan's efforts come good for resurgent Hill

By KEVIN EASON

HANGING from a motorway bridge above the lines of cars drenched circuit at Spa-Francorchamps was a white banner with the simple words: "Demon Hill". If the message was meant to convey a description of the character of Damon Hill, it was wide of the mark. Hill's victory in the Belgian Grand Prix was a performance of consummate control in a race that was marred by some unpleasant scenes. In fact, the only demon to have haunted the former world champion in the two years since he last won a grand prix has been self-doubt.

again: even of retiring at the age of 38. Yesterday, he was talking of next season and more races to be won, to add to his career tally of 22 victories, such was the fillip from his stunning victory on Sunday. "It means a lot because I didn't win in a Williams," he said. "I have always been aware that all my victories came with Williams and, as a driver, I have wanted to prove that I have the ability and the desire to win grands prix. "After joining Williams, I have led a grand prix in every year and in every car I have raced in, but this is the topping, this is what I have waited for and what I joined Jordan for. "That is the happiest I have been for a long time in Formula One. We were down in the dumps in this team and to get back to where we are now is one of the most extraordinary things that has happened to a team in a season. The car was not good at the start of the year and to say we stood a chance of winning a race then was out of the question; but the team has worked so hard, it has been quite amazing."

If Hill was happy, Eddie Jordan, his team owner, was ecstatic. For eight seasons and 126 races, he had been so close to victory; it came at the 127th time of asking. Hill was the big investment for Jordan to make the final step to the top of the podium. Yet the quixotic Irishman was soon wondering whether he was wasting his £4.5 million on Hill as car and driver failed to live up to expectations early in the season. The nadir came at Monaco, a race that Jordan described as "the worst in the team's history", but that was the spur for radical action. Gary Anderson, Jordan's technical director, was sent to the purdah of the team's Silverstone headquarters to work on the car, while Jordan hired Mike Gascoyne, one of Formula One's most innovative designers, from Tyrrell. More than 80 technical changes have been made to the Jordans, while Goodyear has improved tyre performance and Mugen-Honda has developed six successive generations of engines to give Hill the power that he demanded. "Things have just got better and better," Jordan said yesterday, "and it is all down to the hard work that Eddie Hill and Michael Schumacher have put in. It is marvellous for us all."



Hill's victory at Spa on Sunday was made all the sweeter because of the frustrating season that he has endured



Mansell's damaged Ford Mondeo comes to a halt on the grass after his collision with Needell at Brands Hatch yesterday. Photograph: Allsport

Reid's challenge creates friction

Kevin Eason watches a spectacular day in the British Touring Car championship

Bad feeling and recrimination are apparently infectious, with the antagonism that has clouded Formula One spreading into the Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car championship yesterday. There were strong words and angry exchanges in the paddock as the saloon car series seemed hell-bent on imitating the scenes between David Coulthard and Michael Schumacher that disgraced the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday, when Schumacher seemed ready to assault Coulthard after the collision that ended both drivers' races. Rickard Rydell, the championship leader, grabbed Anthony Reid, his main challenger, by the throat in a bitter pitlane exchange. Rydell said that Reid had shunted his Volvo S40 aside to win and thereby close the championship points gap between them. The confrontation came at the end of a day on which a record 40,000 crowd turned up at Brands Hatch to cheer on Nigel Mansell on his second outing for Ford. But misfortune never comes singly for the 1992 Formula One world champion, but in great clumps. Yesterday was one of the latter as he crashed out of the sprint race within half a mile of the start and was bumped off twice, the second time terminally in the feature race by Peter Kox's Honda Accord, after 29 laps.

Mansell also joined the off-track collisions by renewing his frosty acquaintance with Tiff Needell, the television presenter who accidentally nudged him into his spectacular accident at Donington in this series five years ago. This time, Mansell believed that Needell was braking dangerously early in front of him and decided that he had better point out the error of his ways as soon as the race was over. "Peter apologised and I had no problem with that because it was a racing accident," Mansell said. "I told Tiff Needell he was an idiot, but everybody knows that. It was an unfortunate day but I learnt a lot."



Mansell ponders his premature departure from the race yesterday

Silverstone later this month will be the venue for Mansell's last appearance in the Ford Mondeo, but he is an irrelevance in a championship that looks as though it will go to the wire. Rydell took a 35-point championship lead from Reid to Brands Hatch but the Nissan Primera driver consolidated his position by winning the short sprint before lining up alongside Rydell on pole position for the feature race. Rydell led until the last six laps, when Reid went for what he called "the big squeeze". For Rydell, that meant his rival deliberately hitting him from behind through Druids Corner to make his way to the chequered flag; Reid said it was a racing accident.

The normally placid Swede had still not calmed down an hour after the race. "I was leading the race comfortably," Rydell said, "I was going into Druids on the racing line when perhaps he forgot to put the brakes on, or perhaps he even put the throttle down, because he rammed me up the rear. "What I said to him is between us but I had to tell him what I thought." But Reid, who closed the title gap to 23 points with four races to go, said: "After what he has done this season, he has no room to talk. It was a racing accident and he should accept that."

ATHLETICS

Demands of heavy season take toll

AS Great Britain's hopes for a successful World Cup are dimming, so the lights are almost out on the attempt by some of the world's leading athletes to have the grand prix final moved from Moscow (David Powell writes). The British selectors meet today to finalise their World Cup team and fill in the gaps left by athletes who have withdrawn. Some, such as Jonathan Edwards and Dougie Walker, are injured. Others, such as Mark Richardson and John Mayock, prefer to concentrate on the Commonwealth Games, which begin three days later. Nick Buckfield, the national record-holder in the pole vault, and Darren Campbell, the European 100 metres champion, are other possible casualties through injury. Campbell complained on Sunday night that it was unlikely that the remainder of his season was in doubt. The demands on British athletes this season, especially the men, are unprecedented. The men won the European Cup in June and claimed eight gold medals out of the nine that put Britain top of the medals table at the European championships in Budapest just over a week ago. Out of the European Cup victory came qualification for the World Cup, in Johannesburg from September 11 to 13. Then there is the Commonwealth Games. The athletes' petition to have the grand prix final moved, on the grounds that it was morally indefensible to receive millions of dollars in prize money before a public in economic crisis, not to mention the perceived dangers of ruggering, was handed to the International Amateur Athletic Federation on Friday. Jon Drummond, the American sprinter and prime mover behind the petition, admitted last night that it was unlikely to make any difference, however. "I do not think they are going to move it," he said.

SAILING

Peters capitalises on rival's mistake

RUSSELL PETERS recaptured the Ultra 30 grand prix title yesterday, winning the SunSail Trophy with a race to spare in Guernsey (Edward Gorman writes). Peters, in DBS, beat Glyn Charles, in United Airlines, into second place overall and Kevin Sproul, in Henri Lloyd, into third. After an extremely consistent first two days in Havelock Bay, St Peter Port, Peters went into the final three races yesterday with a six-point lead and looking the favourite to snatch the title away from Charles, who had arrived in Guernsey as the overall leader. In the event, Charles made it easy for him when he was thrown out of the second race after a port and starboard incident with Eddie Warden Owen's Team Hoya, in which the latter was holed. For Peters, who finished fourth and then second in the first two races, this was as satisfying a win as his victory in 1995 over Lawrie Smith. "We were playing it a bit safe because we had so many points in hand," he said. "The conditions were quite difficult, it was wavy and reasonably windy and we had to keep an eye on Glyn. It is a bit tricky sometimes when you are defending because you end up sailing a bit soft instead of attacking full on, but we did enough." In past years, the Ultras have been blighted by there being only two competitive boats in the six-strong fleet, those of Peters and Smith. This time, there were four genuinely competitive crews, giving the series an improved edge. In the first race at the Rolex Swan World Cup in Port Cervo, there was British success when Stephen Fein's revamped Swan 48, Full Pelt, won by a minute on corrected time from the Italian Swan 46, Euroasia, in second place and the Dutch Swan 43, Cisne, in third. Full Pelt, with Jo Richards at the helm, was thirteenth over the line.

RUGBY UNION: COMPROMISE SOUGHT BEFORE START OF ENGLISH LEAGUE SEASON

Welsh hold key to fixtures impasse

THE deadlock over fixtures for the new season in England and Wales remains unbroken as the leading English clubs make their final preparations for the first weekend of Allied Dunbar Premiership matches. Hopes of a solution rest with the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), which has adopted a hardline stance over the two breakaway clubs, Cardiff and Swansea. Over the weekend there was an exchange of letters between the WRU and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) over last Friday evening's match between Sale and Cardiff, which was not authorised by the WRU. Earlier in August the WRU took no excep-

tion to friendly fixtures between Cardiff and Harlequins, and Llanelli and Saracens, but the proximity of Friday's game to the first weekend of Welsh League fixtures provoked a different reaction. It is the RFU's hope that the solution proposed by Richmond and Leicester - that England's first-division clubs take steps to vary the timing and regularity of their proposed meetings with Cardiff and Swansea, to avoid any comparison with their normal Premiership games - will prove acceptable to the Welsh authorities. However, the fact that Brian Baister, the chairman of the RFU management board, is in Australia has limited the progress made on this scheme. In New Zealand, John Hart has received a vote of confidence after the All Blacks lost their fifth successive international at the weekend, against Australia in Sydney. Hart, the national coach since 1996, offered to step aside if the New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU) believed that it had a better candidate to prepare the side for the World Cup next year but Rob Fisher, the NZRFU chairman, said that that was unlikely.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Michael Courtney brought off a typical coup on this hand. Dealer South North-South game Rubber bridge

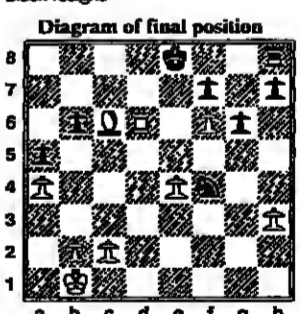
North's double of Two Clubs was for penalties. Courtney (South) explained to me that he thought it showed extra values. I think he was just saying that to excuse his jump to Three No-Trumps. After his initial redouble, Two Spades would have accurately expressed his hand.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

BUFAGIN a. Metal polish b. Strong drink c. Poison STROMBOLI a. A mountain b. Pasta c. Dance music

KEENE on CHESS By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hunt wins Adam Hunt, from Oxford, the pre-tournament favourite, justified his seeding by winning the Rotary Chess Challenge for Children, the final stages of which were held at the Mind Sports Olympiad over the weekend. From an initial entry of 35,000, which makes this tournament the largest chess event in the world, the best 16 were invited to the Mind Sports Olympiad to contest a knockout. In the final Hunt defeated Richard Jones of Birchengrove in Wales while Chris Dorrington of Stanford, Lincolnshire, who is only 11, reached the semi-finals. The top girl player was Iva Anguelov, who lost to Hunt in the semi-final.



White: Hunt Black: Anguelov UK Chess Challenge Semi-final 1998 Here are Hunt's two wins. White: Hunt Black: Anguelov UK Chess Challenge Semi-final 1998

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Houska - Smith, British championship 1998. Both sides are trying to worry their opponent by invading with their queens. How did White continue?

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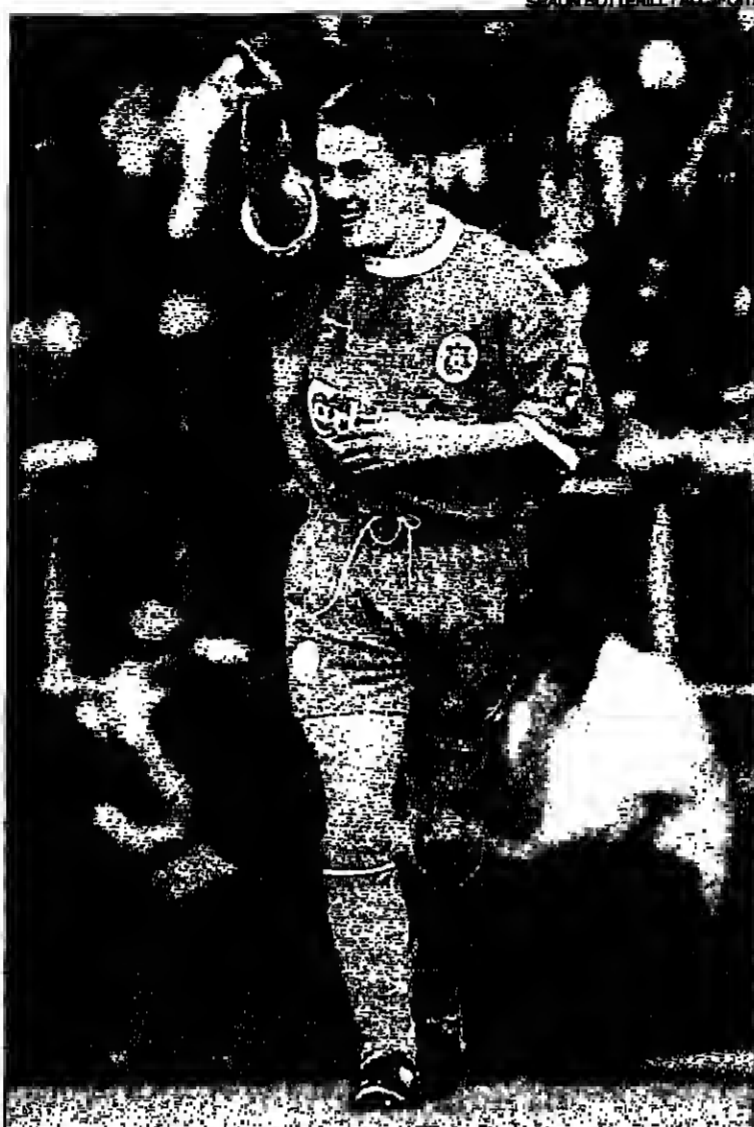
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Fear and loathing in a college room

Students think they are safe at university. But are they? Annabel Venning reports

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I was working on my final-year dissertation one morning when there was a vigorous rapping on the door of my room. Thinking it was a friend, I opened it. Steve burst in, unleashing a torrent of demands before I could protest.

Over the next three weeks, Steve's behaviour became increasingly disturbing. I began working in the library to avoid him, but found that he was monitoring my movements. Wherever I went — aerobics classes, careers presentations, college meetings — Steve seemed to materialise.

I began to feel hunted and mentally battered by his continual demands that I should go out with him. I blamed myself for having inadvertently encouraged him when, spotting him looking forlorn in his garish shell-suit among the ranks of Aran sweaters and rugby shirts, I had struck up a conversation.



Student life can induce a false sense of security: freshers should be aware that responsibility for personal safety falls on their shoulders

left such an excruciatingly bad poem outside my door, entitled "Ode to Annabel", should be taken seriously? Besides, no harm could come to me in college — could it? Fortunately I was right. Steve was socially inept rather than dangerous. One evening when he turned up again at my room in a belligerent mood, I lost my temper and unleashed a tirade of abuse, threatening to report him. The con-

frontation left me shaken, but he never bothered me again. My experience, while upsetting, was at the mild end of the scale. It was not, however, an isolated case. I know more than one person who experienced much worse at the hands of a fellow student. This is not to suggest that student-on-student harassment is endemic. Indeed, it is hard to gauge how much occurs, as neither the po-

lice nor universities keep separate figures on student-related crime. But it has clearly become a serious enough problem for the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) to take the recent step of requiring would-be students to declare criminal convictions on their application forms. The move followed a series of attacks by students with criminal records, including a serious sexual assault at

Southampton University for which a student was jailed for life. Both university authorities and the National Union of Students (NUS) are keen to emphasise that, far from being particularly vulnerable, students live in more protected environments than most adults. The NUS has consistently lobbied university authorities to take practical measures to ensure the safety of their students, and the authorities

have responded by installing good lighting and security cameras on campuses, and employing guards, welfare officers and counsellors. Yet, as Keith Seacroft from Durham University press office admits, the very nature of university life can create problems for student safety. Young people, many fresh out of school and away from home for the first time, are suddenly responsible for their own safety.

I lost my temper and threatened to report him

The heady feeling of freedom from teachers, parents and rules, and the excitement of living in mixed halls with other young people, coupled with the comfortable feeling of being part of an institution, can produce a false sense of security. Police liaison officers are often amazed to find that students routinely leave windows open and doors unlocked.

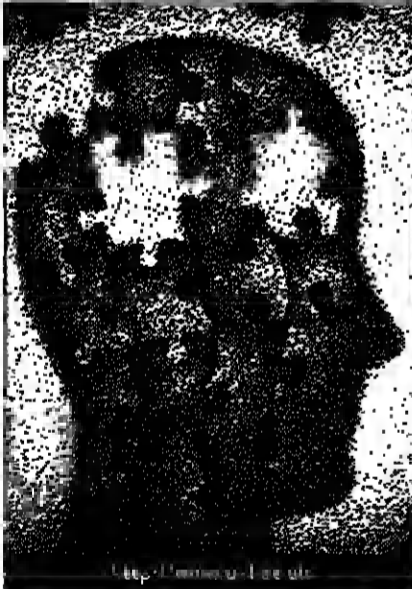
Learning to be responsible for your security is all part of becoming an individual, says Mr Seacroft. "Universities will do everything they can to provide their students with a safe environment but, in the end, they cannot be responsible for the actions of individuals." The message is this: students must be aware that they no longer have parents or teachers looking out for their safety. They must do so themselves. Universities have developed an impressive array of counselling services to help victims of harassment. Manchester University, for example, last year installed 16 trained harassment advisers.

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## Would Your Honour like to try the holiday?

Gary Slapper explains why judges, and even whole courts, may want to visit the scenes of alleged action

Since they became available in the Sixties, cheap package holidays have never been the judicial vacation of choice. The often riotous debauchery or plebeian pleasures associated with such breaks have not offered magnetic attraction to the numinous occupants of the Bench.

The recent story of the judge who went on the cheapest of package holidays to test the claims of the disgruntled customers whose case he was judging was bound, therefore, to be seen as rather risible. In order to evaluate properly the quality of the holiday, would the judge join in group singing on the coach or try to drink sangria from a restaurant pitcher?

In fact, the trip of District Judge Anthony Cleary to the Palm Court Hotel in Malta was a perfectly sensible way of coming to a decision in a case where the testimony of both sides would otherwise be difficult to assess. There is, moreover, no real novelty in the excursion. Judges have been undertaking "views" for centuries. A case from 1696 records the judge going on a view to help to decide whether a defendant had been trespassing on the plaintiff's land.

A view is any inspection out of court of a place where something key to a case is alleged to have happened (a *locus in quo*) or of an object which it is inconvenient or impossible to bring to court. Often, seeing something can allow a judge, jury or magistrate to reach a decisive conclusion about a matter otherwise in dispute.

In a case in 1955, the plaintiff, Thomas Buckingham, worked as a "rotary machine attendant" for the Daily News Ltd in Boulevard Street, London.

One of his jobs was clearing the "tucking blades" used in the newspaper production for fiddling the pages. He cut himself badly on the machinery during production and sued his employer.

The court had to decide whether the process of clearing the machine was unduly dangerous; the trial judge decided against the firm after having gone to the works to watch the machine in action, and listen to Mr Buckingham

Would a judge play drain-the-sangria-pitcher?

describe on site how he was cleaning the blades of the equipment on the night in question. The Court of Appeal upheld the decision, saying that a judge was entitled to follow impressions formed at a view, even if these were contradicted by most of the evidence in the case.

Where a view takes place, it should be attended by the judge, members of the jury if there is one, the parties and counsel. Each side must be given an opportunity to be present, and, in civil proceedings, failure to offer this opportunity can result in a retrial.

There is, though, some authority for the idea that when a judge simply wants to visit a relevant location previously shown to him in a photograph or plan, he can do so without reference to either side.

According to one case report, Lord Chief Justice Goffard once went on a private view of platform 13 at Euston station.

The Court of Appeal has, however, called this practice "undesirable" because, unknown to the trial judge, the place in question, such as a station platform, a road junction or even a staircase might have been altered between the incident in dispute and the trial.

Views can also be of great importance in criminal cases. In a case involving a charge of assault, the defendant was alleged to have attacked someone outside a pub. The crucial prosecution witness was someone who claimed to have seen the attack from inside the pub.

Three magistrates, their clerk, and lawyers for both the defendant and the prosecution went to conduct a view of the location, but left the defendant outside. The Divisional Court said that such an omission was wrong because a defendant (unless he is disruptive or ill) should be present all the time during a case, and a view was part of the trial. The magistrates or lawyers might not have understood something about how the pub furniture or lighting was arranged on the night of the alleged attack and the defendant should have had an opportunity to correct them.

Views are sometimes expensive, but no savings can be made by judges conscious of the pressures to keep costs down. In one criminal case of alleged drunken driving, in which police officers asserted that it was the defendant whom they had seen driving in an erratic manner, the quality of the street lighting became an issue. Rather than allow the whole jury to go on a visit, the trial judge authorised one juror who lived near the scene to view it and describe it to the others. The defendant's subsequent conviction was quashed on appeal by a court that said there was no jury in the system for apportioning work between jurors.

On his return from the Palm Court Hotel in Malta, District Judge Cleary ruled at Birmingham County Court that it was obvious that the families who



Whooping it up on the Costa del Package: the chance to view provides an interesting change for judges

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## Nailing war criminals

THE International Criminal Court (ICC), which is being set up in The Hague, may be flawed and fragile, "but it has the great merit of existing," says Denis Robiliard, the President of Amnesty International in France.

For the first time, the international community has given itself a permanent tribunal to complement, and perhaps replace, its national criminal law systems. If it works, the court could be the first step towards a legal revolution that will transform relations between countries.

The "if", however, remains stubbornly large. The founding treaty approved in Rome by 120 states was criticised by human rights organisations, which found it too cumbersome, and by the United States, which found it too ambitious.

After five weeks of tense negotiation, the world's only superpower was one of seven countries that refused to sign up to a court that, as a result, will have difficulty tracking and arresting the people it is supposed to try. David Scheffer, the chief

American negotiator, says the tribunal is "strong on paper but weak in reality".

Harriet Ware-Austin of Amnesty International in Britain comments: "It would have been better if the US had agreed. But its attitude may evolve. After all, a few years ago we were laughed at for suggesting that the court should be established before the millennium."

The concept was mooted 50 years ago, when idealists dreamt of a permanent tribunal to prosecute perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Their project was shelved during the Cold War, resuscitated after the fall of the Berlin Wall and given dynamism after the butchery in Bosnia and Rwanda.

When the UN started on June 15 to discuss the idea, about 1,700 areas of disagreement were underlined in the 175-page draft. The diplomatic compromise that emerged five weeks later was a triumph for Philippe Kirsch, the Canadian diplomat who chaired the conference. "But," M Robiliard says, "there is much

work to do to make sure that the court functions properly." An independent prosecutor will be able to take action against suspects accused of one of the three core crimes. A state or the UN Security Council can also initiate proceedings.

There are, however, strict limits: for example, defendants must either be nationals of a signatory state or have committed crimes in one. Thus, Pol Pot would have escaped judgment because his regime would not have signed the treaty.

In an attempt to appease American and French concerns over "rogue prosecutions" of UN peacekeeping troops who find themselves dragged into internal conflicts, the conference also established a judicial chamber that will ratify — or nullify — the prosecutor's decisions. But the most controversial decision at Rome was to grant states the possibility of a seven-year opt-out from the war crimes clause. "That," M Robiliard says, "is a licence to kill for seven years."

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## Tanks outside, banks out of cash

Edward Fennell on how lawyers are grappling with the Russian crisis

Old hands in the Moscow office of Baker & McKenzie are accustomed to crises on their doorstep. In 1991 tanks parked outside their building, a year later one of their paralegals was shot by a sniper.

Now, says Carol Patterson, the office managing partner, locally recruited staff cannot get access to their salaries. She adds: "We have had to change our bank several times because of problems of liquidity."

Oddly enough, the financial crisis means that the firm has been busier than ever. "We have a number of ongoing deals and we have been told they want before they will become involved."

Though the Russian Government has been inundated with advice from the West on legal reform (some of it inconsistent, some irrelevant), the right kind of changes have not been implemented to enable real development to take place. "If you have long-term confidence in the Russian economy," he says, "now may be the time to buy. But some people here believe that the West is stealing Russia's resources, leading to a reluctance to make the necessary changes."

Meanwhile, the task of dealing with the immediate crisis continues.

Clifford Chance played a central role in rescheduling the former Soviet Union's debt (although the arrangement is excluded from the current moratorium on repayments). And with that pedigree, the firm is very active for a wide range of foreign clients wanting to secure their positions in Moscow. Keith Clark, the firm's managing partner, said last week: "We are drafting more people into Moscow and we also have teams of lawyers in Frankfurt, London and Paris working on behalf of client banks. A crisis such as this underlines the advantages of being able to adopt a pan-European approach."

Chris Roberts, of Allen & Overy, believes that the priority will be to bring clarification to the restructuring of loans. A Russian lawyer points out, however, that autumn is traditionally a politically dangerous season in Russia. He says: "I do not rule out the possibility of riots. For people without dollars, life is likely to become very difficult."

Autumn is often a politically dangerous time in Russia

Like most locally based advisers, she is reluctant to make any predictions about the medium term. But Patrick Seferovich, an American energy lawyer with Denton Hall in Moscow, says that the situation is "unique in its seriousness".

As a former lawyer with Occidental Oil, he finds the crisis particularly frustrating because he is acutely aware of the tremendous wealth that lies beneath the ground in Russia. But he highlights two obstacles to releasing these resources: first, the political impasse in the Duma; secondly, the consistent failure during the past six years to reform adequately the legal framework, which he sees as a key cause of the collapse of the Russian economy.

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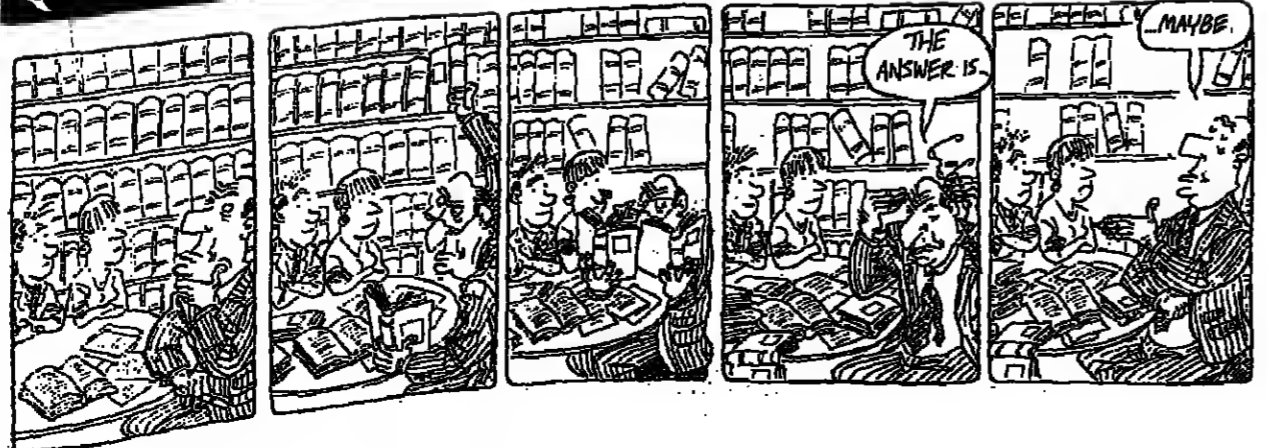
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# Keeping divorce clean

Separating couples are to have help in finding the best solicitors for their case, says Marilyn Stowe

Partners in a collapsing marriage are not in the ideal frame of mind to choose the lawyer best able to help them through one of the most difficult times of their lives. Yet that is what is expected of thousands of men and women each year without any practical way of distinguishing between the abilities of the solicitors available. How are they expected to judge who is skilled, who has genuine experience in the complex field of family law and who merely purports to have? How can they know which lawyers relish turning cases into slugging matches in court or which ones prefer the infinitely more humane route of settlement by agreement? How can they know which lawyer has a sensible approach to keeping costs down and which will run up the meter to such an extent that the parties are in danger of spending the assets in meeting the bill? I recently came across a case in which the assets were worth no more than £40,000 and the lawyer had run up costs of £14,000 and the case was not yet halfway through. That is unforgivable. How are people expected to negotiate their way through a minefield that has undoubtedly claimed casualties over the years? How do they tell which lawyers are weak, which are over-aggressive, which are negligent and which simply incompetent? With one marriage in three ending in divorce and the caseload of lawyers in the field likely to become heavier and more complex

— just look at same-sex relationships, prenuptial agreements and cross-border child abduction — the decision by the Law Society to establish a Family Law Panel is long overdue. The panel will begin taking applications for accreditation next month and be formally launched in January next year. It will set benchmark standards and will, I am convinced, protect the public and aid the profession.

## How can you find the best lawyer?

Of course, not everyone in the profession favours a system of accreditation. Some argue that the level of specialist attainment does not warrant the creation of a panel or that there are too many lawyers who are over-aggressive and may not comply with the non-adversarial approach seen as best practice. However, the aim of the Family Law Panel is not only to reward and recognise specialists but, importantly, to encourage, advise and assist the development of skilled family lawyers. It is not intended to be a rigid, exclusive club but an inclusive body. Criticism before the actual standard has been announced is premature. Those standards will be exacting. All applicants, and there are expected to be about 5,000 solicitors seeking accreditation, will have to complete questionnaires which will be marked by a team of assessors. I will be the chief assessor/chief examiner. These will be family lawyers with at least ten years' experience and who may also hold judicial office. Individual candidates must have three years' admission and 350 chargeable hours



The arguments are getting worse: how much longer before expensive solicitors are hired?

in family law over the past three years. Otherwise, applicants must show 1,000 hours of general litigation experience within the previous three years and minimum family experience, post-qualification, of 350 hours within the past five years. They will also have to pass written examination or other assessment as deemed appropriate. What will accreditation mean? It will provide a badge of quality based on this simple criterion: would an informed observer be happy if a friend or relative had instructed the solicitor concerned?

This is just a beginning. I see the process evolving. Perhaps the qualifying criterion may be set higher, perhaps there should be levels of attainment for specialist practitioners over and above the standard mark? It is vitally important that the panel is seen as helpful to the profession. I would prefer to give applicants the opportunity to put right a defect than simply failing them, because this will inevitably lead to a rise in standards. I also believe that membership of the panel will be a more appropriate criterion for a legal aid franchise than the present requirements, which are more about internal administrative systems

than professional abilities. For the public, the Family Law Panel should serve as a mark of reassurance helping to promote trust between lawyer and client and cutting down on the number of complaints that arise when this trust collapses. Most importantly, however, it will mean that men and women, often at the most vulnerable time of their lives, will be prevented from making decisions that could make matters worse. The author is head of the family law team at the Leeds solicitors Graham Stowe Bateson and has just been appointed chief assessor/chief examiner of the Family Law Panel of the Law Society.

# Greedy briefs, foolish judges

Martin Mears despairs at the system's response to some bitter divorces

There is no greater wrecker of dinner parties than the divorcee. This Ancient Mariner's tale is of bitter injustices suffered at the hands of grasping spouses, shyster lawyers and prejudiced judges. Only politeness prevents the company from responding in the same manner as the Mariner's reluctant audience: "Hold off! Unhand me, greybeard loon!" Terence Frisby is the author of the 1970s stage hit *There's a Girl in My Soup*. His latest work *Outrageous Fortunes* is, however, far from light comedy. It must rank as the mother of all divorce-bore sagas — except that it is not in the least boring.

Mr Frisby spent more than ten years in the coils of the divorce lawyers and emerged a scarred and bitter man. Non-lawyers or those without experience of the family courts will suspect him of exaggerating. Others will think he is describing the abuses and injustices of the past. Not so. For every one of the grotesqueries related by Mr Frisby, I can think of a parallel in my own legal experience or, indeed, in the recent law reports. At an early stage, Mr Frisby was evicted from his own house by an "ouster injunction". Later, he was awarded "access" to his young son: two hours a fortnight. He applied for an increase. The application was rejected with the startling words: "It may be that this father is being too possessive. I think once a fortnight is appropriate." This is how many family judges thought in the early Seventies. Some still do. "Absent" fathers, in practice, still have as much or as little contact with their young children as the mother is prepared to concede. Indeed, the courts ruled years ago that a mother had an undoubted right to move wherever she wished, even if this meant that father and children never saw each other. At the same time, the courts have emphasised that the questions of access/contact and child maintenance are wholly unrelated. Mr Frisby complains bitterly about the bloody-mindedness of his wife's lawyer and the general anti-husband/father bias of the courts. On each of these counts, he presents a compelling case. Even if he is wrong about particular instances, his general picture is all too plausible. Bloody-

mind belligerence? Lawyers acquire a reputation as effective divorce-practitioners for possessing precisely this quality. The object is to wear the other party down by a barrage of applications, affidavits, correspondence and demands for discovery, along with a refusal to give way on any point whatsoever. Unsurprisingly, the resultant lawyer's bills are routinely out of all proportion to the assets involved. Judicial bias? This is a general one derived from the institutional assumptions of the family courts and the inherited attitudes of the judges. The reports of Court of Appeal decisions contain numerous examples. In *Loutchou v Henig*, the Court of Appeal gave leave to a divorced mother to take young children to New Zealand, severing what the judges themselves described as the children's "close and loving relationship with their father and paternal grandparents". In *Fisher v Fisher*, Lord Justice Nourse saw nothing odd in requiring a husband to pay increased maintenance to enable his former wife to support a child she had by another man after the separation. In *Whiting v Whiting*, the court refused to discharge a nominal periodical payments order in favour of the wife, even though her financial position was arguably better than the husband's: she might fall on hard times and need a "last backstop". Mr Frisby, likewise, was ordered to pay maintenance to a young, able-bodied woman who was actually financially better off than he was. Whenever he lost a round, he would be ordered to pay costs, whereas if he won, there always seemed to be some reason why there should be a no-costs order. Have we moved on since Mr Frisby's tribulations? It is unlikely that some of the crasser injustices would be inflicted today. Ouster injunctions are no longer granted routinely. Judges are more ready to concede that divorced fathers should have at least some rights in relation to their children. But that is only to say that the culture is slowly changing, not that it has changed. ● *Outrageous Fortune*, First Thing Publications, £16.95. Details: Midas PR, 0171-584 7474

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DEGREE COURSE VACANCIES 1998: ENGINEERING

Those seeking places should start by making a phone call, says John O'Leary

How to use listings

Today's listing of courses with vacancies in clearing covers engineering and technology. Although slow to fill in many cases and generally demanding lower grades than the popular arts and social sciences, the area has an enviable employment record.

courses will have vacancies right up until the start of term next month, an early application is advisable to ensure that your chosen programme remains available.

Once you have decided on a course to pursue, contact the institution with your UCAS number and your UCAS applicant number. The university or college will ask for the form if it is offering a place, but you should send it only when you have eliminated any other options.

Listings will continue to appear in The Times until the end of this week. Vacancies in mathematics and science subjects will be published tomorrow, with the arts and social sciences - by far the biggest section - following on Thursday. The areas rotate so that every subject is covered twice a week. Full listings are available on The Times website, at <http://www.the-times.co.uk>.

Clearing is also open to new applicants, so it is not too late to find a higher education place next month if personal circumstances have changed and you want to start a degree.

The CEF can be sent only to one institution at a time. Faxes or photocopies will not do. The institution will then carry out the necessary checks on your qualifications and confirm the offer of a place to UCAS. Only then will UCAS send you an official letter of acceptance.

Places have been filled at an unprecedented rate this year, largely because the clearing process is now highly efficient. The total number of candidates placed this month is now well over 250,000. Although most of the

The information in the listings has been supplied by universities and colleges themselves, but is not exhaustive. Candidates are advised to check with institutions direct to be certain about whether courses have vacancies.

Although The Times helpline has now closed, most universities and colleges run advice services during clearing. Local careers services also offer help at this time of the year, and commercial consultants, such as Gabbatts in London, can give more extensive individual attention.

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Brighton K100, Wales Inst Cardiff W260... Northumbria H160, H168... Northumbria H160, H168

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Table of stock prices for various sectors including ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BANKS, BREWERIES PUBS & REST, DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS, ELECTRICITY, ELECTRONIC & ELECT, CHEMICALS, CONSTRUCTION, and DISTRIBUTORS.

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Capitalisation, week's change

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TOMORROW
Interims Ascot, Beauford, Darby Group, Enterprise Oil, Flying Flowers, Graham Group, Guardian Investment Trust, Hampden Group, Hickson International, Ilion Group, IS Himalayan Fund, Jefferson Smurfit Group, Macfarlane Group, Maalain, Parto Group, Regal Hotel Group, Serco Group, Skypharma, Whatman, Wilson Bowden, Finals: Peter Black Higgs, Brit Allcroft Co, Linx Printing Technologies, Monsoon, Photo-me International, Renspur, Statistics: UK Halifax August house price survey, end-August official reserves.

THURSDAY
Interims Abbott Group, Amec, Avonside Group, Boosey & Hawkes, Cattles, Chorion, Church & Co, Churchill China, Clubhaus, Clydeport, DCS Group, Delphi Group, Dialog Corp (Q2), Eidos (Q3), Estates & General, Evans Halshaw, Friendly Hotels, Grafton Group, Marchpole Higgs, Meggit, Molins, Norwich, Plantation & General Investments, Presbury Group, Robinson Brothers, Senior Engineering Group, Slough Estates, Swallowfield, Wembley, Wickes, Wilson (Connolly), Finals: Finelst Group, IAF Group, Isotron, Statistics: August service sector survey.

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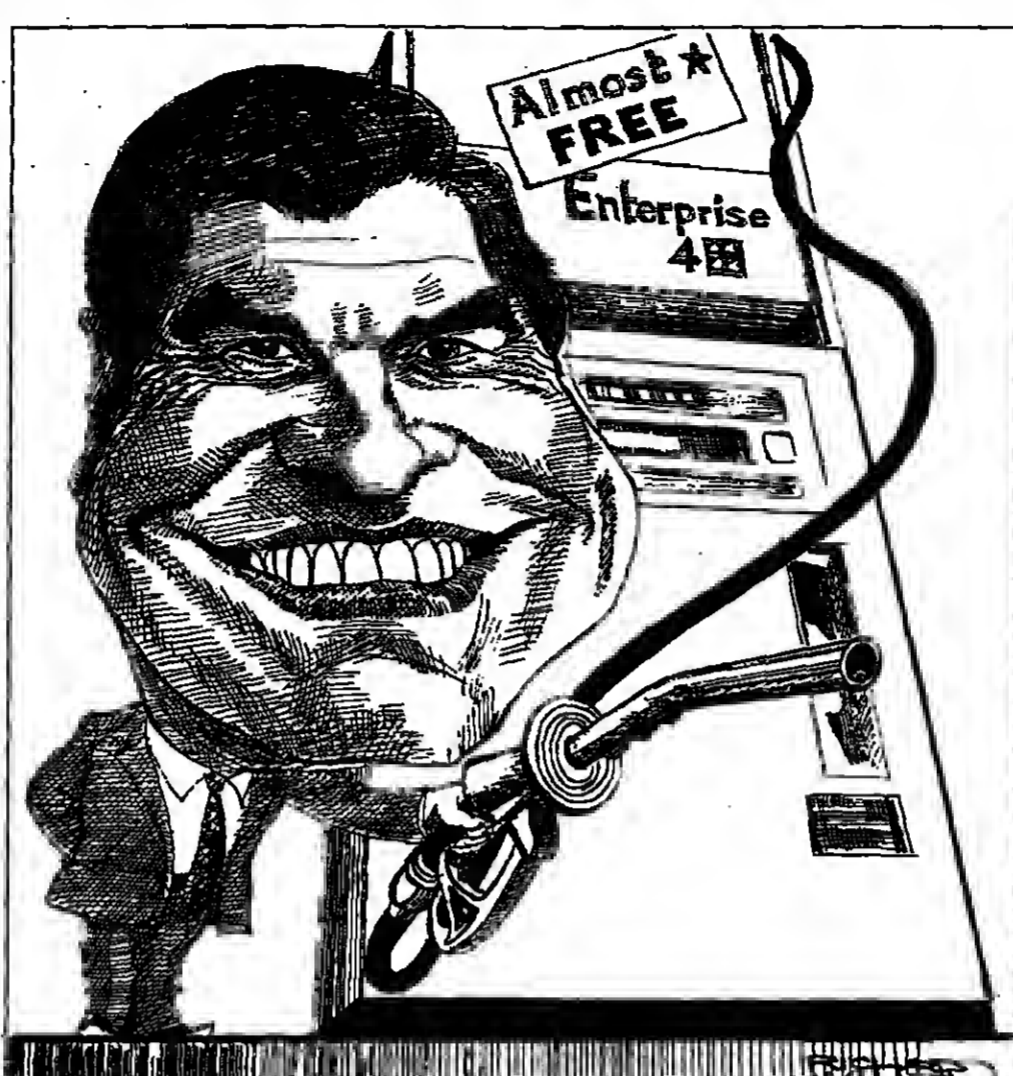
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Enterprise to stay in the black

ENTERPRISE OIL: Will the oil explorer manage to stay in the black and will it be forced to cut the dividend? These are just some of the questions to which brokers will have answers when the company unveils half-year results tomorrow. BT Alex Brown, the broker, is forecasting a collapse in profits but expects the company to remain in the black - if only just. Net profits are forecast to plunge from £71.1 million to £8.6 million with earnings per share down almost 50 per cent at 8.1p. The decline in profitability will have been precipitated by the 30 per cent drop in the oil price during the period and a 5 per cent fall in production to 219,000 barrels a day. Against such a gloomy backdrop for the oil producers, Enterprise is expected to peg the payout to 6.9p this time round with a further review of the situation at the year end. There are signs that conditions are improving for Enterprise, as highlighted by the successful appraisal last week of the group's venture in Italy. WILSON BOWDEN: A similar robust performance is expected from this housebuilder when it reports tomorrow. Pre-tax profits are forecast to come in 20 per cent higher at £34 million with earnings up from 21.2p to 24.6p. Higher selling prices and the ability to control costs appear to be behind the group's strategy. The number of homes sold has grown by 10 per cent to 1,615 with the average selling price up from £113,500 to £120,000. Brokers expect to see the dividend grow from 3.3p to 3.55p. BUNZL: The fast-growing paper and packaging group should be capable of producing further strong earnings growth in the current year, but with profits growth weighted towards the second half, interim results published today are expected to show little change this time round. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, is forecasting pre-tax profits of £62 million for the first six months compared with £62.4 million last time. The market range is from £62 million to £66.6 million. Earnings per share should also be virtually unchanged at about 9p. Hoare says the results will benefit from its strong acquisition programme and organic growth in the key divisions. Strong volume growth should more than offset any price deflation in the disposables divisions with the business benefiting from further outsourcing by customers and the growth of the home meal replacement market. Filters and tapes are expected to have produced an exceptionally strong performance despite the impact of sterling and the recession in the Far East. The AFC acquisition should start to produce some added momentum, while the introduction of new technology should provide the business with fresh scope for improvement. Price deflation of between 3 per cent and 4 per cent year-on-year will hold back the performance of the fine paper division. A dull performance from the US Job-Lot operation is also likely to put a brake on things. Meanwhile, another positive outcome is expected from the plastics division where volumes in the core caps and plugs business remains buoyant. The only flat spot is likely to be the Brazilian cosmetics operation. A payout of 2.5p is forecast. SENIOR ENGINEERING: An exceptionally strong performance from its rapidly expanding Flexonics business should provide a useful increase in both profits and earnings this year. The first indication of just how strong that performance will be should be evident when half-year results are published on Thursday. BT Alex Brown, the broker, is forecasting pre-tax profits of £23.3 million this time round compared with £19.5 million for the corresponding period. Earnings per share are likely to have grown by 17 per cent to 5.5p. The main thrust to profitability will come from its core Flexonics business. Prospects remain good bearing in mind this division's exposure to the



A 30 per cent fall in the oil price has not made life easy for Graham Hearn of Enterprise Oil

US where it is heavily involved in the automotive and aerospace industries. BT Alex Brown is forecasting average earnings growth from Flexonics of 15 per cent over the next three years. Meanwhile, Senior is expected to line up further acquisitions in the US and should continue to develop its operations through the development of adjacent technologies. Look out for an increase in the half-year payout from 1.6p to 1.8p. The figures are likely to provide an accurate indicator of the housing market and how badly demand has been affected by increased interest rates. The rise in profits is expected to come from increased volume with the number of completed houses growing from 3,194 to 3,330 while the average selling price goes up £4,000 to £84,000. But cost inflation will also be up and planning delays have been a regular feature for builders this year. The dividend will be up from 3.2p to 3.4p. CRH: The group will continue to benefit from its strong acquisition programme as half-year results should reveal today. Pre-tax profits will grow from £65.7 million to between £80 million and £85 million. Earnings per share should also be about 25 per cent higher at 16.2p. The group has spent £126 million on acquisitions so far this year, making it the fifth-biggest building materials supplier. Most of these acquisitions have been made in the US which now accounts for 50 per cent of turnover. Ireland continues to enjoy a strong construction market having already achieved double-digit growth during the past four years. Margins in Britain should show some improvement but remain below the sector average. The payout is likely to grow from 3.5p to 3.8p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

World events to dominate

A very thin week for British economic statistics kicks off today with the latest snapshot of activity in manufacturing industry from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply which coincides with July figures for consumer credit and August figures for M0 narrow money supply. The purchasing managers' survey has come to be closely watched as an early indicator of activity, being the first snapshot of the state of the economy each month. Given recent news of surprising resilience in manufacturing industry and intensifying speculation about the extent of the economic slowdown, this survey will be particularly carefully analysed. Potentially of even greater interest is the institute's monthly survey on activity in service industries, due to be published on Thursday. Given increasing evidence in other surveys that services are beginning to be dragged down by slower activity in manufacturing, this will be an important release. Apart from this, the only other British indicator is the official reserves tomorrow. In the context of the intensifying crisis in emerging markets and last week's implosion of stock markets including London and Wall Street, overseas economic indicators will assume centre stage. Of great interest will be any results to emerge from the two-day summit meeting between President Clinton and President Yeltsin in Moscow yesterday and today as well as any news on the confirmation of Viktor Chernomyrdin as Russian Prime Minister by the Duma. Further bulletins on Russia's debt rescheduling will also be tracked. The detail in Moscow's debt rescheduling plans will be of particular interest to Germany. German banks are exposed to Russian to the tune of DM75 billion (£25 billion) and fears were expressed over the weekend that America may receive preferential treatment in the debt restructuring process. There are a number of key American economic indicators including the August purchasing managers' survey on manufacturing today, July factory orders tomorrow, the purchasing managers' survey on services on Thursday and key August labour market statistics on Friday. The state of the labour market is one of the key determinants of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate policy, the subject of intense market speculation currently. From the Far East, there will be South Korean trade figures for August, Japanese figures covering car sales and foreign exchange reserves, and second-quarter GDP figures for Indonesia, which promise to be a key focus after the large fall in Hong Kong growth in the second quarter announced last week.

JANET BUSH

Boost for home shopping

By Sarah Cunningham, Retail Correspondent



Wolfson: heads GUS

HOME SHOPPING, which now accounts for less than 5 per cent of retail sales and is worth £8.2 billion a year, is about to enter a period of rapid growth as a huge number of new catalogues enter the market. The entry into clothing home shopping of Marks & Spencer and other big high street retailers will enable home shopping to compete with the high street, according to Verdict, the retail consultancy. Home shopping will also be helped by the launch of upmarket catalogues

by established mail order firms such as Freemans, Empire and Great Universal Stores, which is run by Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale. The only qualm expressed by Verdict in the report released today is that a number of the new catalogues are expensively produced "and have yet to demonstrate that they are viable commercially". Traditional agency mail order, which is based on a network of agents who are paid a fee to use their copy of a cata-

logue to make orders for friends and family, now accounts for 52 per cent of the home shopping sector. Verdict expects this to fall to below half early in the next decade. The calibre of the new entrants into direct home shopping - including Marks & Spencer and Arcadia, the clothing retail group that encompasses Dorothy Perkins, Evans, Top Shop and Principles - is removing any stigma attached to it and taking it into the retailing mainstream.

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### Junction charge attacked by developers

By FRASER NELSON

LAND SECURITIES, the £4.5 billion property investment company, has attacked government reforms that will force private developers to pay for the upkeep of new road junctions on an indefinite basis.

The company has given warning that the charges — to be levied on developers building feeder roads on to a motorway or trunk road — may deter urban regeneration and militate against job creation.

Ian Henderson, chief executive, said: "It is not right that the present generation should pay the maintenance charges resulting from road usage by future generations."

The reforms, which have slipped the attention of many in the construction industry, are buried within the pages of the Government's Road Review and were highlighted by *Estates Gazette*. Under the old system, developers would help to pay for the construction of a new junction but the Highways Agency would look after it on an ongoing basis.

Terry Mulroy, a spokesman for the Institute of Civil Engineers, said: "This is just a new form of tax for the private sector. The developers won't like it, they will just pass it on."

The Highways Agency said: "It is the development that is spurring extra traffic, so it is the developer who should contribute to the maintenance of the roads, even if they are used by a wider public."

The levy of tax will be arranged on an individual basis. It is not expected to bring in more than £10 million a year.

## Airbus set to take on Boeing again over TWA order

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

AIRBUS and Boeing face a renewed dogfight over a billion-dollar airline order in the wake of the controversial British Airways purchase from the European aerospace consortium.

Trans World Airlines, the US carrier, is seeking bids from manufacturers for a refitting of its entire fleet. The order will be worth up to \$5 billion (£3 billion), the same amount that BA spent at Airbus and Boeing together.

The US carrier is an important target for Airbus because it would open up the American market, still largely dominated by Boeing, American Airlines, Delta and Continental all have exclusivity agreements that prevent them from buying Airbus aircraft for several years or even decades.

TWA is looking to buy up to 100 narrow-body aircraft, and has concluded its technical evaluation of Airbus's A320

model as well as Boeing's 717 and 737.

Winning the order for the initial refitting is likely to result in further orders as the airline updates and adds to its fleet. TWA is currently a Boeing client with an ageing fleet of 727 single-aisle planes.

One US aerospace analyst said: "Airbus has a good chance of beating Boeing on its home turf. It would be an important victory."

Similar to the BA order, the TWA bid battle is likely to raise shareholder concerns that Airbus could forsake profitability to win the order at any cost.

Analysts have suggested that Airbus may not make a profit on the BA order because it dropped its prices unusually low to beat Boeing.

TWA has not made a profit in a decade and is burdened by debts of more than \$800 mil-

lion. If Airbus was to make a low-ball offer, Wall Street believes that TWA would end its longstanding association with Boeing.

The US analyst said: "TWA is in no position to be choosy. Whoever makes the lowest offer wins. It should have refitted its fleet years ago but could never afford it."

Traditionally, airlines prefer to stick to one manufacturer to avoid having to train pilots and technicians on two different sets of aircraft.

BA announced last week that it will buy up to 220 new aircraft, including up to 188 short-haul jets from Airbus.

Firm orders have been placed for 59 A320 Airbus jets valued at as much as \$2.8 billion, with options on an additional 129 aircraft. BA announced firm orders for 16 Boeing jets valued at about \$2.4 billion, plus options on 16 additional aircraft.

### Avocet float to net Kent £9m

By FRASER NELSON

A FORMER management consultant who advised Avocet on an aborted flotation six years ago stands to gain £9 million in shares if the window and door security company succeeds in coming to the market this autumn.

David Kent, who became

chief executive of Avocet after it decided on a trade sale rather than flotation in 1992, stands to own up to 13 per cent of the company depending on its reception with institutions.

He said: "Under market conditions, we would probably not get the float away. But hopefully, things will change." The company is floating to

repay the £65 million of debt it took on after last year's buyout from SIG group. It paid £4.1 million in interest repayments last year alone.

Avocet buys most of its window and door locks from the Far East and says it can only benefit from the current currency turmoil. It hopes to float with a price tag of £70 million.



Old Monk, new money: from left, Jonathan Hale, Gerry Martin and Steve Pyle

### Pub chain goes to AIM

By DOMINIC WALSH

GERRY MARTIN, whose brother Tim is chairman of J D Wetherspoon, is to float his own pub company. The Old Monk Company is to raise £3 million on the Alternative Investment Market. Before new money, the float is expected to value the company at between £12 million and £14 million. Mr Martin plans to expand

his southern-based estate of 18 pubs into a nationwide chain of 50 premises within three years, largely using the Old Monk brand, a free-house concept similar in style to Wetherspoon pubs.

In the year to April 30, the Old Monk Company lifted pre-tax profits by 118 per cent to £489,000, on turnover 91 per cent higher at £6.41 million. Operating profit was 96 per

cent higher at £717,000. After a £1.3 million private placing in February, the company has about 50 shareholders. The float will dilute Mr Martin's 80 per cent holding to 60 per cent.

Despite the recent pressure on pub company shares, he is confident of getting the float away: "As long as we are realistic in our pricing we'll be fine."

### DTI faces action by landlords over guest ale sales

By RICHARD MILES

A GROUP of tied pub landlords is preparing to sue the Department of Trade and Industry for £1.6 billion in damages because they have been forced to use a home-produced beer as their guest ale rather than a cheaper foreign import.

The group of rebel independent landlords, who are locked in a legal battle with Nomura, the Japanese investment bank that owns the pub chain, over the terms of their lease, claims the DTI is breaking European law by requiring a guest ale to be "a bottom-fermented, cask-produced" beer.

Guest ales make up an estimated 5 per cent of a pub's revenues, but if landlords were permitted to sell cheap lager instead — a high volume drink available at wide discounts across the European Union — the guest ale could account for 50 per cent of a pub's annual income. A court ruling in favour of the landlords would hit the revenues of the big pub companies and would also undermine any attempt by banks such as Nomura to securitise the cashflow of pubs. About half the income from a tied agreement derives from sales of the brewers' own drinks.

Martin Moore, who claims to have obtained sufficient funding to mount the legal action, says regional and smaller independent brewers would be unaffected by the lawsuit because the guest ale requirement applies only to pub chains with 2,000 or more outlets.

He said: "Article 30 of the Treaty [of Rome] is designed to eliminate national barriers to the free movement of goods. It extends to government-sponsored campaigns in favour of home-produced goods. We believe the requirement to have a guest ale under these terms is covered by the treaty."

Mr Moore claims that if the law had been interpreted correctly since 1989, then the 12,500 landlords who buy a guest ale would have been better off by an estimated £1.6 billion because they could have bought cheaper beers at a wider discount.

The DTI was unavailable for comment.

### Firms get route on to Internet

By PAUL DURMAN

PRIVATE shareholders are accustomed to being treated as second-class — receiving market-moving information long after institutional fund managers have traded on it.

The Accounting Standards Board recently suggested that the Internet could provide a partial solution to this problem, and urged companies to make further use of electronic means as a way of disseminat-

ing financial information, and in particular the preliminary announcement (of results), to a wider audience.

Now, Hemmington Scott, the financial publishing group, is offering to help companies that are unwilling to run a regularly updated Web site of their own. For companies willing to pay, Hemmington Scott's site ([www.hemscott.com](http://www.hemscott.com)) will carry press releases, annual reports and other information, such as brokers' fore-

casts. New announcements should be added within a day. Companies already using the service include Hanson, Unilever and PowerGen.

John Suckling, of Hemmington Scott, estimated the annual charge for a quoted company as being in "the low thousands". This compares with the £20,000 that he suggested is the average cost of maintaining a corporate Web site.

More important than cost is a company's commitment to

the Web site, according to Proshare, the private investors' lobby group. Finola Healy, of Proshare said: "We encourage companies to update their sites as much as possible. But a lot of sites are updated only weekly or even monthly. It's the technical people who look after the sites, as opposed to other people in the company."

Hemmington Scott's site has an "Information Exchange" for investors to swap views.

### Clerical pay rises outstrip rate of inflation

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

CLERICAL workers' pay is rising at well above the rate of inflation because of skill shortages, recruitment difficulties and the need to retain staff.

According to a new survey covering more than 1,000 employers, with more than a million staff between them, median earnings among clerical staff have risen by 5.3 per cent over the past 12 months.

Although across-the-board settlements are averaging 3.6 per cent, a level seen as reasonable, earnings are rising more quickly than settlements as employers react to pressures including rises in employees' confidence and increased labour turnover. The figures are likely to disappoint ministers, who have called for wage restraint to limit inflation.

The results of the survey, by the Reward Group, show that few clerical employees are paid below the proposed minimum wage of £3.60 an hour. Minimum pay for 16- and 17-year-olds is to be £3 an hour.

The Reward Group said that this indicated that the minimum wage is unlikely to have a substantial effect on most employers' pay practices. However, some jobs in low-pay industries will be affected.

Steve Flather, managing director of the Reward Group, said: "The rises are the most substantial we have seen for some time. They mirror those seen in the average earnings index and are similar to the 5.5 per cent rise seen by Reward in management pay over the same period."

The survey also found that a greater number of employers were offering staff more than 25 days of annual holiday.

Mr Flather said: "Ten years ago, only 31 per cent of clerical workers and 36 per cent of operatives received 25 days' holiday a year. Nowadays, around 40 per cent of workers receive 25 days' holiday while those with fewer days are quickly catching up."

**Golden Hope Plantations Berhad**  
(INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)  
(Company No. 29992-U)

**Notice of Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Second Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Ballroom 1, Level 2, Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur, 165, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Wednesday, 16th September, 1998, at 11.30 a.m., for the following purposes:

**ORDINARY BUSINESS**

1. To receive and adopt the Report of the Directors, the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1998 and the Report of the Auditors thereon. Ordinary Resolution 1
2. To declare a final dividend for the financial year ended 30th June, 1998. Ordinary Resolution 2
3. To approve the Directors' fees for the financial year ended 30th June, 1998. Ordinary Resolution 3
4. To re-elect the following Directors pursuant to Article 94 of the Company's Articles of Association:
  - i Encik Mohammad bin Abdullah Ordinary Resolution 4
  - ii Dato' Abd. Wahab bin Maskan Ordinary Resolution 5
5. To re-elect Tan Sri Dato' Seri Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid pursuant to Article 99 of the Company's Articles of Association as Director of the Company. Ordinary Resolution 6
6. To re-appoint the following Directors pursuant to Section 129(6) of the Companies Act, 1965, as Director of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting:
  - i Encik Howe Yoon Chong Ordinary Resolution 7
  - ii Encik Washington SyCip Ordinary Resolution 8
7. To re-appoint Messrs Ernst & Young as the Company's auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration. Ordinary Resolution 9
8. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company of which due notice has been received.

**CLOSURE OF BOOKS:**

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from 23rd September, 1998 to 25th September, 1998 both days inclusive, to determine shareholders' entitlement to the dividend payment.

Duly completed transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, Signet & Co Sdn. Bhd., 10th & 11th Floor, Tower Block, Kompleks Antarabangsa, Jalan Sultan Ismail, P.O. Box 12547, 50782 Kuala Lumpur up to 5.00 p.m. on 22nd September, 1998 will be registered before entitlement is determined. The dividend, if approved, will be paid on 20th October, 1998.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Malaysian Central Depository Sdn. Bhd. shall not be accepting any requests for deposit and/or withdrawal of shares commencing 12.30 p.m. on 18th September, 1998 until 12.29 p.m. on 22nd September, 1998.

A depositor shall qualify for entitlement only in respect of:

- (a) shares deposited into the depositor's securities account before 12.30 p.m. on 18th September, 1998;
- (b) shares not withdrawn from the depositor's securities account as at 12.29 p.m. on 18th September, 1998;
- (c) shares transferred into the depositor's securities account before 12.30 p.m. on 22nd September, 1998 in respect of ordinary transfers;
- (d) shares transferred into the depositor's securities account at or before 3.00 p.m. on 22nd September, 1998 in respect of express transfers; and
- (e) shares bought on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

**By order of the Board**  
**NORLIN BINTI ABDUL SAMAD (LS 000981)**  
Secretary  
Kuala Lumpur  
1st September, 1998

**Notes:**

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint one or more proxies but not exceeding two, to attend and vote in his stead. Where a member appoints two proxies, the appointment shall be invalid unless he specifies the proportion of his holdings to be represented by each proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must attend the meeting in person to vote. The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Company's registered office, 13th Floor, Menara PNB, No. 201-A, Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or at any adjournment thereof.

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WORD-WATCHING



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What a month to be away! Many a market trader will return from holiday to find a world transformed. A few — but only a very few — may congratulate themselves on having seen it all in bafflement and fear.

Moreover, these emotions extend well beyond the narrow confines of the dealing room. For the first time since the oil crises of the 1970s, you can imagine the world slipping into a slump.

Surely this fear will have affected even those august gentlemen gathered this weekend at the unpromisingly named Jackson Hole (in Wyoming) for the annual symposium of the world's top monetary officials. Let us hope that they have managed to stray from their appointed topic of "global income inequality" to address the rather more important issue of global income shrinkage.

Why did so few people see the global economic crisis coming? This question is particularly acute for financial markets, because looking forward is what they are supposed to do.

In fact, when it comes to the macro questions they find this difficult. The uncertainty, the condition when the point where we cannot even attach probabilities to the possible outcomes.

Much of our modern world ab-

# Forecasters found refuge in wrong neck of the woods



ROGER BOOTLE

hows the idea of pure uncertainty and seeks to obscure it with spurious estimates of probability ranges. Markets deal with it in the way that Keynes described so eloquently in the 1930s — they proceed as though the future were certain by developing, and trading on, a conventional view.

But every so often something happens to make it clear that this conventional view is so detached from reality that it is no longer credible. That is when the markets crack.

If the current crisis started in Thailand in July 1997, why has it taken so long for world financial markets to wake up to the dangers? There are several detailed answers. First, there was a touching belief that things were really as they appeared on the surface — from Japanese balance sheets to the Russian embrace of free markets.

Moreover, many of those paid to forecast evidently cannot see further than their noses. When assessing the dangers emerging from the Asian crisis it has been common for economists (and many businessmen) to say, "there's not much sign of it in

my neck of the woods", thereby failing to see the processes in the pipeline that would affect their neck of the woods in due course. Rather than looking to the future, they have simply given a snapshot of the present.

Alfred to this, there has been a failure to see the crisis in its entirety. This continues even now. Some analysts have offered comfort in the idea that only 1 per cent of US exports goes to Russia. Not long ago it was only "x per cent" which went to Korea, Thailand and the rest. Yet there are several 1 per cent at stake. It is rather like a supermarket

shopping bill. None of the items seems that much individually but, when added up, the total comes to a tidy sum.

Economists tend to be very careful with their 1 per cent. A drop in GDP growth of 2 or 3 per cent is sufficient to take an economy from decent growth with stable unemployment to the brink of recession.

These detailed reasons all amount to the same general idea — the conventional view that the world economy would all be right in the end. Caught in this mood, the markets are impervious to bad news. Okay, so there has been a collapse of Asian economies. No matter; the world can shrug it off.

Yet more dire news from Japan? Well, that was only to be expected. Evidence of a slowdown in US corporate earnings? Take refuge in the new paradigm.

Finally, though, as the sheer scale of the Russian crisis has hit home in recent days, the complacency has crumbled. Not that the Russian economy is large enough on its own to cause serious problems — Russia's GDP is smaller than Switzerland's — but markets realise that

this crisis extends beyond mere economics.

If Russia turns to an authoritarian leader and resorts to its time-honoured habit of blaming foreigners for all its ills, then not only will there be painful security consequences for both the US and Western Europe but the rejection of global capitalism may light a touchpaper in all those countries battered by the crisis.

What makes this situation all the more scary is the absence of clear leadership. While Russia is in chaos, the new Japanese Prime Minister is overwhelmed by problems without solutions. Chancellor Kohl is battling for survival and, across Europe, the whole political class is mesmerised by the euro. Meanwhile, the IMF is enfeebled by its lack of financial muscle and the widespread criticism of its role in the Asian and Russian crises.

Last week I argued that the strength of the US President had little to do with the success of the American economy over recent years. I should have added that this weakness at a time like this could have important implications — not only for the US but for the world.

A few years ago, responding to the collapse of communism and the apparent worldwide triumph of capitalism, Francis Fukuyama wrote a book entitled *The End of History*. The way things have looked recently, it seems as though the old girl may have quite a bit of life left in her yet.

# Dow falls below 8,000

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

THE Dow Jones industrial average yesterday fell below the 8,000 mark for the first time since February.

US blue chip shares opened up higher as traders suggested that last week's decline — the index's worst weekly fall since 1989 — had been too steep. But

gloom soon sent the Dow down 150 points by midday.

Technology stocks were hard hit as overseas sales are expected to suffer. Dell, the computer maker, and Intel, the chip manufacturer, were among those marked down.

Some traders said the market would fall yet further because technology stocks were overvalued.

## WALL-STREET

Table with columns for 'Aug 31', 'Aug 28', 'Aug 27' and 'Aug 26' showing stock prices for various companies like AMP Inc, AIG, Alcoa, etc.

# Britain's bullying bosses exposed

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

GORDON RAMSAY, the celebrity chef and former Glasgow Rangers footballer, is the unwitting star of a television documentary shown tonight that claims to uncover "Britain's Unbearable Bosses".

Mr Ramsay, 32, who left the fashionable West London restaurant Aubergine in July, is allegedly exposed as a difficult boss by a hidden camera. Coincidentally, tonight he opens his new Chelsea restaurant, called Gordon Ramsay.

so many of those exploited are forced to work in a climate of fear. "Trade unions and good employers need to work together to expose exploitation at work. That is why the TUC is launching a national campaign against one of the main complaints to the bad bosses line — workplace bullying."

The TUC telephone hotline, which ran in December 1997, will be open for another week from October 5 this year and callers will be able to order a leaflet on how to tackle workplace bullying. The television programme will be shown on ITV at 10.40pm this evening.



Chef Gordon Ramsay: said to get heated in the kitchen

# Worthing top of UK profit league

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE most profitable town in Britain is Worthing, West Sussex, where businesses enjoy an average profit margin of almost 21 per cent. According to a survey by Experian, the credit-checking company, Warrington in Cheshire is second with just under 20 per cent while Dundee is third with 19 per cent.

Companies which have invested in Worthing include Daewoo Motor Company, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals and Griffin Credit Services. Almost half of the top 50 locations were in the South of England while only seven in the North and 11 in the Midlands made the list.

# Millennium bug costs banks £1bn

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH banks are spending more than £1 billion to upgrade their information systems so that they do not fall prey to the millennium bug — the computer fault that threatens to shut down machines in the first seconds of 2000.

Barclays leads the pack with a budget of £250 million, followed by Lloyds TSB, NatWest and Standard Chartered, each of which expect to

spend £150 million updating their systems. HSBC Holdings, owner of Midland, has earmarked £113 million.

At the other end of the spectrum, Northern Rock has budgeted just £5 million, while Woolwich estimates year 2000 costs at just £25 million.

Alliance & Leicester is setting aside £40 million.

Most of the money, according to figures declared in the banks' interim results, will be spent in the next 16 months. Only a third of their combined £1 billion budget had been spent by the end of June.

A survey by City Consultants, a financial advisory firm, indicates that about 90 per cent of securities houses have developed a programme to ensure that their internal and external systems will be work in the new millennium. Nearly 70 per cent of respondents said some of the current systems would not meet year 2000 requirements.

## BUG BUDGETS

Table with columns 'Bank', '£m budget', 'Spent so far' listing various banks and their spending.

# City's streets lose their shine

Before he became Lord Mayor, Dick Whittington thought the streets of the City of London were paved with gold.

So too did the European, US and Japanese banks that came to the Square Mile after Big Bang, back in 1986. All of them have been disillusioned. While it is possible to make big bucks from trading in Europe's biggest financial centre, it is more likely that you will lose vast sums when the going gets tough.

## Michael Clark on the problems facing foreign banks in London

their own fields, with open-ended exposure to the peaks and troughs of bull and bear markets. They not only made money when the market went up, but also knew how to make a turn when prices fell.

These days to survive in the City, securities houses must offer a complete range of services. But that means extra staff, increased back-up and state-of-the-art computer systems. It all adds up to rising costs. Brokers estimate that

the cost of starting trading each day for the likes of Merrill Lynch or Société Générale could be as much as £200,000 a time — that's before the first share, or bond, changes hands.

The recent helter-skelter in share price movements around the world has only exacerbated the problems. As one leading market-maker commented: "Liquidity has dried up. August is normally a quiet month, anyway, but the growing prospect of a world recession has forced us to make prices in markets where there is no stock."

Only last week Credit Suisse First Boston was forced to deny claims that it had lost hundreds of millions of pounds on the emerging markets. There are also problems for the agency broker who has seen a sharp drop-off in turnover and, therefore, revenues. As one broker put it: "Private investors are keeping out of the way."

The integrated houses make their money by way of proprietary trading — taking a view of the market and buying and selling large amounts of stock accordingly. This stock is then sold on, or bought back at a later date. But when someone misreads the market, the losses are inevitably huge.

Goldman Sachs was reported recently as claiming that more than 50 per cent of its profits came these days from proprietary trading. Evidence of a new round of job losses looms in the Square Mile must pose questions about the future of foreign securities houses in London. Many of them may have already wished they had ignored the same calling that drew Dick Whittington to the City in the first place.

Advertisement for Attachmate featuring a large image of a snail and the text: 'Nothing should come between you and your mission-critical information. Evolving the way you manage host access.'

Answers from page 27. Includes sections for 'STROMBOLI' (volcanic islands), 'BENDING MOMENT' (algebraic sum), and 'DICK DIK' (antelope).

Table titled 'FOURIST RATES' showing Bank Buys and Bank Sells for various currencies like Australia, Austria, Belgium, etc.

Market mayhem casts cloud over Euroland's rehearsals

Richard Miles looks at how recent events will affect the single currency

With the world's stock markets in turmoil, Europe's bankers could not have picked a worse weekend to prepare for the dress rehearsal of euro-conversion.

The City is the world's foremost centre for foreign exchange, accounting for 30 per cent of all transactions. The London Stock Exchange handles almost two thirds of the turnover in foreign equities, dwarfing New York and Nasdaq.



All change: London-based trade in international bonds and derivatives will be altered completely by the single currency

The repercussions for the bond market are far more profound. Bond dealers play on currency differences, buying the paper of whichever European government is offering the best yield.

The notion of the creditworthiness — a lesson that those with Russian debt have learnt the hard way. Traders expect the debt market to become graduated with varying types of bond created for different investment purposes.

pace of development will be slower. Bond investors will shift to other markets outside the euro zone, he predicts. By contrast, the immediate impact of the single currency on the equities market will be marginal, other than that the stocks of companies listed in the 11 "in" countries will be quoted in euros.

Shops get to grips with new regime

People who have been in France this summer may have noticed that prices in Leclerc, the French equivalent of Tesco, were quoted in both francs and euros. It may look peculiar, and it is premature as euro notes and coins will not begin circulating anywhere until the beginning of 2002.

Finance firms begin switch to euro

For the man in the street, the euro is nothing more than a collection of brightly coloured notes, with a space for the Queen's head.

in euros, although it will also be possible for other borrowers to take out euro-loans. They will benefit from the lower interest rates available on the Continent but any borrower will face the risk that sterling will devalue against the euro, thus making it more expensive to pay off the mortgage.

rate schemes where the rates are fixed for between ten and 15 years. In the UK rates are fixed over a much shorter period. The Abbey National believes that eventually these products will become available for UK borrowers.

could drop to about 50 per cent. Financial services companies are expected to offer pan-European products based on euros. The products will remain the same but investors will receive benefits in euros. NatWest and Royal Bank of Scotland already have euro bank accounts.

First six months 1998

Sharp profit increase for the first six months 1998: +74% to U.S.\$1.9 billion. Acquisitions and special factors contributed substantially to this net profit increase.

Table with 4 columns: Profit in millions of dollars, 31 Dec 1997 published, 31 Dec 1997 estimate, 30 Jun 1998, and % change. It shows a sharp increase in profit for the first six months of 1998.

- 1. Net profit increased sharply by 74% to U.S.\$1.9 billion. Acquisitions as well as profits from the partial sale of the interest in Libertel (mobile telephone network) and the sale of the participation in Kredietbank (Belgium) contributed substantially to this increase.

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The report for the first six months 1998 can be obtained at the following address: ING Group, P.O. Box 810, 1000 AA Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Plight of the gentle giants

The Orang-Utan Rescue BBC1, 8.00pm

Venturing further than she usually gets on The Really Wild Show, Michaela Strachan travels to Borneo to draw attention, as effectively as a television celebrity can, to the plight of the orang-utan.



Michaela Strachan visits an orang-utan sanctuary in Indonesia (BBC1, 8pm)

with more mammoth sperm and so on until a more or less pure strain emerged. But first the professor has to find his frozen mammoth and the cameras follow his Japanese expedition to the edge of the Arctic Circle.

Supply and Demand ITV, 9.00pm

Promoted from a pilot episode last year to a series, Lydia La Planie's latest offering is a crime series about an undercover team recruited from the police and security services.

Nature Special Living With El Nino BBC2, 9.30pm

Julian Pettifer travels the world trying to make sense of a phenomenon that has been known about for thousands of years but seems only recently to have made the headlines.

Equinox: Resurrecting the Mammoth Channel 4, 9.00pm

It is many thousands of years since the mammoth became extinct but Professor Kaufmann Goto wants to bring it back. He plans to inject the sperm of a mammoth preserved in the ice of Siberia into the egg of a surviving near relative, the Asian elephant.

RADIO CHOICE

Tales from the Village Radio 4, 9.30am

The first of five weekly programmes by Joel Kibazo that offer, to judge by the first two, some fascinating insights into the modern lives of villagers in Africa.

Original Features: DIY Castle Radio 4, 3.30pm

A welcome change from the earnestness of certain DIY programmes on television, this programme studiously avoids the cutting edge of fashion and instead has much more fun exploring the outer limits of home decorating.

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoe Ball 9.00am Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whalley... 5.30pm News 5.45 Newsnight 6.30pm News 6.45 Newsnight 7.00pm News 7.15 Newsnight 8.00pm News 8.15 Newsnight 9.00pm News 9.15 Newsnight 9.30pm News 9.45 Newsnight

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# Hale and Pace trying? No change there, then

Full marks to Gareth Hale and Norman Pace for the dogged way they keep developing new formats that might make something of their comic talent, when lazier comedians might long ago have plumped for the easier option of developing some comic talent which they could then use in the very same formats that other comedians seem to exploit so successfully. Just as logicians have always known that the easiest way to paint a perfect painting is to make yourself perfect, and then just to paint naturally, Hale and Pace might struggle less in life if they became funnier and then just acted naturally. If the BBC believes that the way forward is "sealing" acts such as Hale and Pace, and now Vanessa Feltz, from TV, while buying far classier shows such as *Seinfeld* and *The Larry Sanders Show* in midnight slots (when it can be bothered to broadcast them at all),

then it could be in deeper trouble than its critics suggest. So was it serendipity or was it a mischievous BBC scheduler who spotted *Oddbods*, Hale and Pace's first comedy show since joining the BBC ("M'lad, I'm using the word 'comedy' in its broad sense"), slap bang after yet another repeat of Wallace and Gromit in Nick Park's glorious *A Grand Day Out*? How must Hale and Pace have felt, seeing themselves out-acced by Plasencia?

In *Oddbods*, Hale and Pace play two wacky inventors - Nobby and Ginge - who live in a twee cottage in a picturesque English village. The novelty is that Nobby and Ginge don't speak, which normally would have been something of a bonus. But it is a difficult trick to pull off. *Silent comedy* has a long and venerable lineage, from Buster Keaton to Mr Bean, but Hale and Pace aren't about to join it. They certainly deserve an "A" for effort, but also an "F" for "Feel free never to make another one".



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studio audiences who so obligingly provide the laughter track for shows such as *Oddbods*. Also, maybe *Mysteries* with Carol Vorderman could investigate how this dub became so successful. Unfortunately, *Carry On Darkly*, Channel 4's last attempt to cut some of the sweetness of its *Carry On Weekend*, served only to pile on the grief for Hale and Pace. It reminded us how much talent men

such as Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey and Frankie Howerd had, in spite of their being hopeless, heartbroken or sometimes horrid human beings. Sid James, perhaps the most obviously lovable of the lot, was in many ways the worst in private: a heavy drinker, gambler and womaniser, he was also a woman-bearer. However, Williams and Hawtrey each coped with their homosexuality in different, not always satisfying ways. Williams was probably the best actor of the four, but their preposterousness never hurt their careers.

As Stephen Fry told us: "They ought not to be funny, but they are. They just are. They're just delightful, funny, charming." One day, Fry and his willing, we might be able to say the same about Nobby and Ginge - but it's not the sort of bet on which even a reckless gambler such as Sid James would risk money. Later, on BBC1, *The Mrs Brad-*

ley *Mysteries* proved that we will watch almost anything if there is somebody talented involved. In this case the talent was Diana Rigg, playing the eponymous armchair detective. It also gave us an inkling of why so many directors get the itch to transmute operas to modern settings: to inject a little more zip.

There is something wearying about costume drama set in the 1920s. Shakespeare's England has a certain nod to it; Dickens's Victorian London has its own tang, but the 1920s so often comes across as just a frumpier version of modern times: the 1990s played at too slow a speed. It's the no man's land of period drama, though actors such as Rigg and John Alderton can seduce you into staying tuned through the most far-fetched plot. If it hadn't been Rigg herself telling me whodunnit, and why, I'd have just gawped

- BBC1**
- 6.00am Business Breakfast (47772)
  - 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (141246)
  - 9.00 Sex Wars Are men innately romantic? (7064420)
  - 9.40 Breakers: Alan's return to Sydney leaves Lucy in a state of panic (7816130)
  - 10.05 Top Tip Challenge With guests Leslie Grantham, Simon Gregson, Liz Fraser and Kevin Day (9980159)
  - 10.30 Daily Life (14577913)
  - 10.55 News (1128449)
  - 11.00 Style Challenge Two sporty teenage girls (1138826)
  - 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1131913)
  - 11.55 News (12234913)
  - 12.00 Through the Keyhole Loyd Grossman tours two celebrity homes (11750536)
  - 12.25pm Wipeout (7162371)
  - 12.50 The Weather Show (117628466)
  - 1.00 One O'Clock News (14433)
  - 1.30 Regional News (1235348)
  - 1.40 Nightingales (10742244)
  - 2.05 Breakers (29208721)
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  - 5.00 Newsworld (18850159)
  - 5.10 Byker Grove (115193159)
  - 5.35 Nightingales (1176555)
  - 6.00 Six O'Clock News (181)
  - 6.30 Regional News (33)
  - 7.00 Holiday Heaven Former Coronation Street star Julie Goodyear returns to Palma and EastEnders Marlene McCutcheon heads for Rome (13555)
  - 7.30 EastEnders An emotional encounter with Peggy makes Frank resolve to stay put in Albert Square (117)
  - 8.00 The Orang-Utan Rescue Michael Strachan visits the Indonesian island of Borneo, where an estimated one-third of the orang-utan population has been killed as a result of devastating forest fires (1064284)
  - 8.50 Ten Minute Match Alan Hargrove takes a brief look back at the 1977 clash between Manchester United and Liverpool (83541)
  - 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (15991)
  - 9.30 Maithe Raine Maithe prevents a girl from throwing herself off a tower-look roof, then finds herself agreeing to reopen a six-year-old murder case (1884894)
  - 10.20 Kings of the Jungle Matt Frei reports on the far-reaching implications of Borneo's forest fires (1703592)
  - 11.10 Chicago Hope A man has his pregnant, comatose wife transferred to the hospital, determined to keep her on life support for the sake of their unborn child (181636)
  - 11.55 Roommates (1993) With Rance, Queid and Eric Stoltz. Drama about two men with AIDS. Directed by Alan Metzger (1820710)
  - 12.5am Weather (534800)
  - 1.30 BBC News 24

- BBC2**
- 6.10am Chardin and the Sill Life (1463894) 6.35 Jasper Johns' Flag (5622791)
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  - 6.00 The Spike Gals After Gear - An O Zone Special James Threlton interviews the girls in Detroit (429536)
  - 6.15 Heartbeat High Kurt and Sarah act out a romantic scene together (1995710)
  - 7.00 BBC Proms '98 Esa-Pekka Salonen directs the Los Angeles Philharmonic live from the Albert Hall. The evening's programme features the London premiere of American composer John Adams's *Symphony for Bob* (63463) 11.30-Subsequent programmes are subject to change
  - 9.00 Have I Got News For You Satirical quiz (117) (3536)

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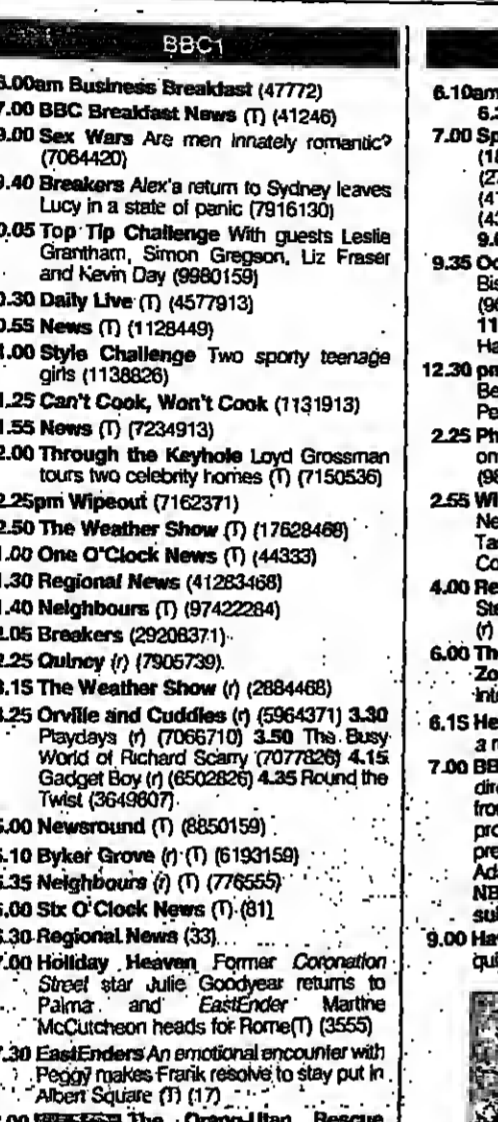
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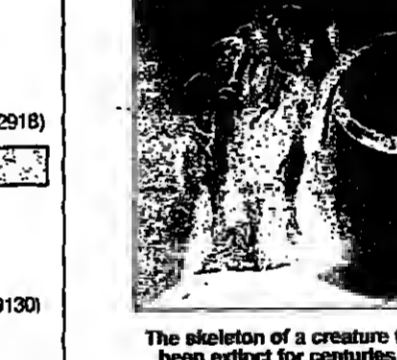
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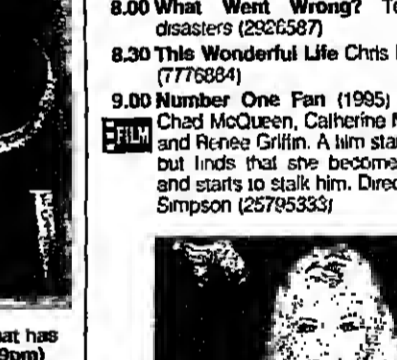
Miriam Margolyes stars as head of an undercover crimefighting unit (9pm)



Recruit five new recruits assigned to the unit (8pm)



The skeleton of a creature that has been extinct for centuries (9pm)



The effervescent Melinda Messenger stands in for Jack Docherty (10.40pm)

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## Wall Street shares drop to lowest point of the year

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

WALL STREET suffered another nervous day's trading yesterday, with the third consecutive 100-point decline taking the Dow Jones industrial average below its level at the start of the year.

Shares fell 150 points in afternoon trading to below the opening mark of 7,900 at the beginning of the year. Last Thursday the Dow had opened above 8,500.

The inability of the world's most important market to shrug off the Russian wor-

ries looks set to cause further falls when the market opens in London this morning.

Meanwhile, in Europe, Yves Thibault, the European Monetary Affairs Commissioner called for European finance ministers to meet to discuss the Russian economic problems. Britain said it was considering calling a meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations, but it wanted first to see a new government formed in Moscow. "The possibility of a meeting of some form of G7 leaders is being actively considered," said a spokesman for Tony Blair.

Other US indices were hit even harder than the Dow, which fell 1.5 per cent and the Nasdaq composite index lost 5 per cent.

Technology stocks, mostly listed on the Nasdaq market, were among the worst performers. Companies such as Dell, the computer manufacturer, had risen faster than the market throughout the year and now bear the brunt of market insecurity.

Donald Selkin, chief market strategist at Joseph Gunnar & Co, said: "The market is trying to adjust to the fact that earn-

ings growth is not going to be 'robust.' Market watchers are receiving conflicting signals from investors and have mostly opted for a wait-and-see position. One economist said: "So far, this is no more than a correction."

Economists have kept a close watch on the number of initial public offerings planned for the next few weeks. Flotations are seen as a crucial indicator of market confidence. A number of high-profile public offerings have been shelved in recent weeks and some market watchers said the

number of flotations has hit a decade-low. But Wall Street is still looking forward to possibly the biggest flotation in its history, the offering of a 15 per cent stake in Goldman Sachs, one of the world's most profitable banks.

Earlier, Japanese shares had enjoyed a better day with the Nikkei closing 1.4 per cent higher at 14,108.

Other Asian markets fared less well, with the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong falling 7 per cent as the Government abandoned an attempt to support local share

prices. The small Taiwan market fell 2.8 per cent to a 22-month low, but South Korean stocks firmed by 2 per cent. Thailand, the first of the Asian economies to hit problems last year, fell nearly 2 per cent.

The US dollar regained some ground against the mark in Europe after dropping to a nine-month low overnight. Analysts suggested that the problems in Europe could prompt a cut in US interest rates to reduce the risks of a global recession.

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## Shell close to link-up deal with Texaco

By CARL MORTSHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

SHELL is close to agreeing a merger of its European refining and marketing operations with Texaco.

The deal is likely to lead to significant job losses around Europe and the UK, as the companies rationalise their service station networks and other businesses.

The announcement of a deal, which may come this week, will coincide with a dramatic deterioration in the profits of Europe's leading refiners which are suffering from a glut of gasoline and heating oil on world markets.

The Anglo-Dutch group has been in talks with Texaco, the US oil company in an attempt to replicate the two groups' downstream joint venture in the US. Shell is determined to secure a leading position in oil products in Europe where it is under attack from the Mobil/ BP joint venture.

However, market-watchers believe Shell and Texaco are struggling to overcome regulatory hurdles. According to Wood Mackenzie, the oil consultants, a Shell/Texaco merger would lead to market dominance in The Netherlands where the group would have a share of more than 40 per cent. It would also run in to problems in Ireland and in

Scandinavia where Texaco already has a joint venture with Norsk Hydro.

The merger push coincides with a meltdown in profit margins at Europe's refineries. On Friday Texaco and Shell gave warning of cutbacks in refinery runs as the margin on a barrel of crude turned into a loss.

BP said that it had cut back its run by 15 per cent at Nereford refinery in Rotterdam, a joint venture with Texaco. BP is also believed to have cut back runs at Lavera in the South of France, while Shell said it was seriously considering cutbacks in its 1.5 million barrel per day European refining capacity.

The slowdown is raising alarm bells in the industry, coming at the peak of the summer driving season when gasoline consumption is high and at a time when buyers are stocking heating oil for the autumn and winter.

While refining margins continue to crumble, big oil has been trying to build up retailing profits. According to OPAL, which monitors petrol prices, the gross retail margin on a litre of unleaded petrol rose by a third from a low point of less than four pence last summer.

A merger with Texaco should give Shell leadership in the UK but retail margins have been slipping back again and the company will be hoping that Esso's huge losses from Frieswath will dissuade it from another campaign to grab market share.

Texaco's interest in Nereford and its refinery at Pembroke in Wales will be key to the Shell merger talks. The Pembroke facility is top class but exports a large part of its production to the once-hungry US market.

Shell is already shutting down a refinery at Shellhaven but retains a large plant at Stanlow in Cheshire and also owns a refinery in The Netherlands. BP's co-operation will be necessary in any decision over the future of the BP-Texaco refinery in Holland.

The two companies already enjoy close relations. Only last week, Shell UK bought Texaco's gas marketing business in a deal that made Shell Gas Direct one of the top five companies in the UK gas market.

The acquisition trebled the size of Shell Gas Direct's customer base. Shell said it was taking advantage of the decision by rival companies to withdraw from gas marketing.



An animal rights protester is removed by police during a demonstration at Huntingdon Life Sciences at the weekend

## Protest at Huntingdon rescue

By PAUL DURMAN

ANIMAL RIGHTS protesters clashed with police at the weekend during a demonstration outside the main research centre of Huntingdon Life Sciences, which will tomorrow seek shareholder approval for a £20.2 million rescue.

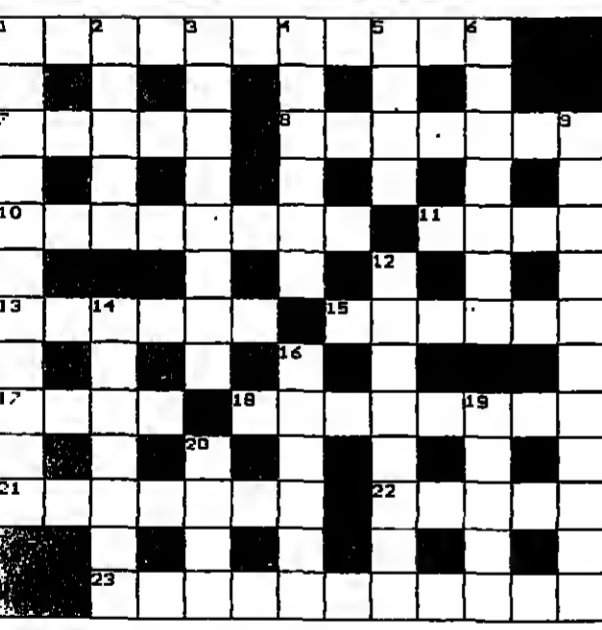
A group called Coalition to Ruin Huntingdon Life Sciences

is hoping to scupper the rescue, and has sent videos to 150 of the animal testing company's largest shareholders. The video includes the controversial footage of Huntingdon staff shaking and hitting beagles that last year brought the company a severe warning from the Home Office and

lost it the custom of several pharmaceutical companies. The protesters claim the support of Barclays Bank's investment arm. Some have become Huntingdon shareholders, and are to attend tomorrow's special meeting in London. Huntingdon has said that it is likely to become insolvent

unless it can raise new funds. Existing shareholders have conditionally agreed to put in £7.1 million, but most of the new money will come from a group of American investors led by Andrew Baker, who previously ran the clinical laboratories arm of Corning of the US.

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## Air unions fight BA slot sell-off

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 30,000 airline workers will today start a campaign to stop British Airways being allowed to sell hundreds of landing and take-off slots.

Six unions are protesting at proposals, which have led to disagreement within the Cabinet, to allow the airline to sell its slots at Heathrow and Gatwick airports for £500 million. The airline workers, including pilots, cabin crew and ground staff, claim that air fares will be forced up if BA is allowed to sell the 267 weekly slots that it has been ordered to dispose of by the European Commission.

BA has been told by Karel Van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, that giving up the slots is a condition of approval of its planned link-up with American Airlines.

Airline staff are angry over proposals, backed by the Of-

fice of Fair Trading, that BA should keep proceeds of selling the slots to other airlines.

The unions say that allowing a sale, rather than having slots shared out by the Civil Aviation Authority, will lead to airport charges rising, forcing fares up by 10 per cent. They also claim that selling the slots will favour large airlines with bigger aircraft, squeezing out small carriers and ensuring that Heathrow is dominated by the bigger companies. The unions say that a sale will set a precedent encouraging slot-trading at increasingly congested airports.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, has argued that the slots are not BA's to sell. However, Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is to rule on the issue, and is expected to say, like the OFT, that they can be sold.

## Brierley's chairman forced out

By PAUL DURMAN

THE uncertainty surrounding Thistle Hotels increased yesterday when the chairman of its largest shareholder bowed to pressure to resign.

Sir Roger Douglas, chairman of Brierley Investments, took the decision to step down after the New Zealand company's largest shareholder sought his removal from the board last week. Brierley holds 46 per cent of Thistle.

An attempt to sell Thistle recently collapsed after Nomura International, the Japanese-owned investment bank, sought to reduce its £1.7 billion offer.

As The Times reported on Saturday, Robert Peel, who was forced out of his chair at Thistle's chief executive last year, is now seeking to mount a £70 million bid for 31 of the company's hotels.

## Brokers dress up as the markets tumble down

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE world may be on the brink of recession but London stockbrokers are dressing more aggressively, opting for flash suits, loud pinstripes and styles more reminiscent of the 1980s. This "acceptable dandyism", according to one London tailor, includes demand for flashy turnback cuffs, bright linings and even lime green, salmon pink and turquoise pinstripes.

Red braces, which no self-respecting broker would have been without in the Eighties, have not staged a comeback. However, City workers ap-

pear to be getting slimmer. The "pot belly" - once a reliable indicator of how many corporate lunches its owner had enjoyed - is disappearing.

Nearly two-thirds of bankers have a waistband measurement of under 36 inches according to Norton & Townsend, the tailor. Merchant bankers are sticking to the traditional suit linings of burgundy and green but the tailor's anecdotal evidence suggests that size matters in the world of banking.

More than half of male merchant bankers had an inside

leg measurement of 32 inches or more, indicating they were at least six feet tall.

Property agents are discarding their spivvy image of blazers and sports jackets and appealing their City clients by wearing double-breasted suits instead.

During the World Cup many traders bought extra jackets so they could leave one at the back of their chair at the office, giving the impression they were hard at work while they were really round the corner watching football in the pub.

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